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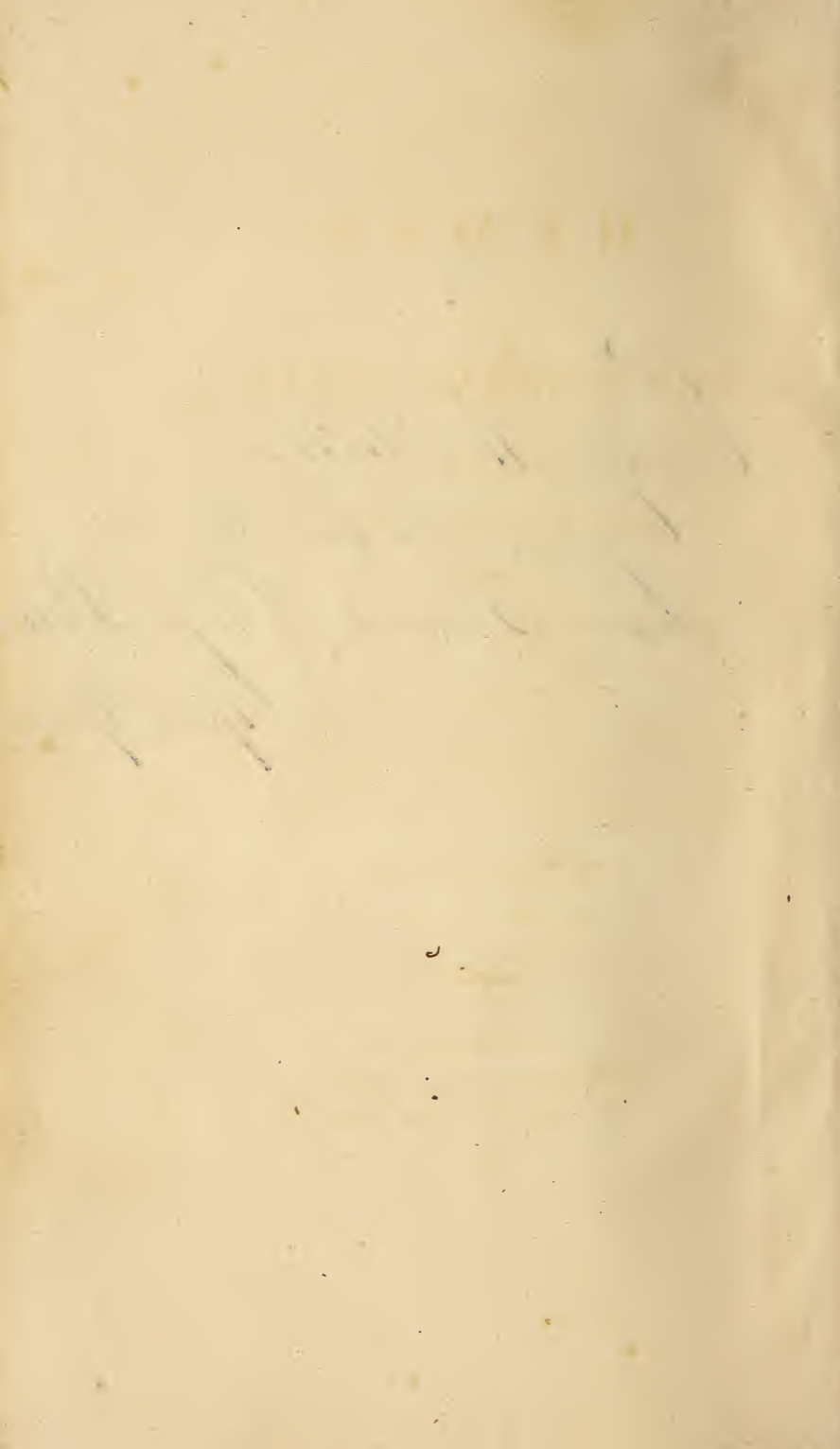
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H Y M N S

TO

THE SUPREME BEING.

IN IMITATION OF

THE EASTERN SONGS.

By EDWARD KING, Esq.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the Majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and Thou reignest over all. And in thine hand is power and might, and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now, therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious Name. 1 Chron. xxix. 11.

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PREFACE TO THE READER.

THE same awful apprehensions which filled my mind, when in my most private hours, with great sincerity of heart, I wrote these Hymns, prevented my thinking it right openly to avow myself the Author, when I published them.—I, therefore, carefully concealed my name, when in the year 1780 I sent forth the first edition of this Book: and I should certainly have continued to do so; but that an unavoidable accident made the truth known.

Still, however, unwilling to make any public avowal, I continued silent.—But finding at last, that the work had

been attributed to others;—and finding also that, in consequence of my neglect to have the Book duly entered at Stationers' Hall, advantage had been taken, to publish it by strangers; I have now thought it even a duty to come forwards.

One, or more, surreptitious Editions have been printed;—with several Errata;—with an unauthorised, and improper Advertisement on the back of the Title page, concerning an intended Publication, which might have been understood to have been written by me;—and with a very improper Note, concerning The Leverian Museum;—which Editions do yet continue in circulation, notwithstanding the endeavours I used to stop the sale of them in that form, without a proper expla-

nation:—and such Circumstances, as these, induce me to lay aside all further scruple.

It remains then only to take this opportunity of informing those who shall peruse this Publication, that a very few additions are here made by me, to the Notes:—and that the Passages of Holy Scripture, referred to, at the bottom of the pages, are cited principally on four different accounts:

First, To shew, and justify, the truth of what is affirmed, or intimated, in any verse they allude to.

Secondly, To shew the authority for, and propriety of, certain modes of expression, which otherwise might appear either novel, or extraordinary.

Thirdly, To point out the very Texts of Holy Scripture themselves,

which are any where either introduced nearly verbatim, or else paraphrased.

And Fourthly, To shew such Texts, as have the mode of expression indeed imitated, but with some variation, of sentiment.

EDWARD KING.

MANSFIELD STREET,
July 7, 1798.

A PARAPHRASE
ON
THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR FATHER,

O most Mighty Lord, Who hast
created and made all things, and
vouchsafest to behold us, the
works of Thy hands, with tender
love and compassion; even in our
sinful and fallen state;

WHICH ART IN HEAVEN,

Thou, Who fillest the whole Uni-
verse, and art every where pre-
sent; but manifestest Thy Great
Glory more especially in the Hea-
ven of Heavens, where blessed

Spirits contemplate Thy Works
with perfect adoration;

HALLOWED BE THY NAME,

To Thee be offered up, continually, Praise, and Thanksgiving. May Thy Holy Name be sanctified, and with deep veneration adored, by all reasonable beings: and may they, naming it, consider, with attentive minds, how infinitely Great, and Holy, and Good, Thou art.

THY KINGDOM COME,

May Thy blessed Kingdom, even the abolition of all evil, the perfecting of all Righteousness, and the visible Reign of Christ on Earth, be hastened. Oh may the days draw near, when all the kingdoms of the World shall be-

come the Kingdoms of the Lord, and of Thy Christ; when Thy People shall be converted, and restored to their own Land; and when the Saints, who are dead in Christ, shall reign with Him in Glory, for the completing the happiness, and perfection, of all Thy Servants, and of all Thy Works.

THY WILL BE DONE,

But in all things, Lord, Thy Will be done. During these present days, may we be placed in such a situation, as Thou seest to be best, and most expedient for us; and be made to choose and follow such things, as may enable us conscientiously to perform our duty, and to work Thy Work,

whilst yet our day is continued
unto us.

ON EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN,
And Oh, at length, may the
hearts of all be so converted,
that the obedience of the Inha-
bitants of the Earth may become
truly an imitation of that perfect
obedience, with which Blessed
Spirits rejoice to do Thy Will in
Heaven.

GIVE US DAY BY DAY OUR
DAILY BREAD;

Supply us, Lord, day by day,
with such supports and comforts
of Life, as Thou seest to be fit
and expedient for us. And, above
all, give us continually the Bread
which cometh down from Hea-
ven; even the Light, and Life,

which is obtained through our
Lord Jesus Christ.

AND FORGIVE US OUR TRES-
PASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THEM
THAT TRESPASS AGAINST US;

And forgive us our manifold of-
fences, and follies, and perverse
transgressions: and whilst we
hope for remission of our ten
thousand talents, at Thy hands,
Oh may we be disposed sincerely
to forgive, every one, our bre-
thren, that have offended against
us, their hundred pence.

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMP-
TATION,

Merciful Lord, let us not deceive
our own Souls, with hypocritical,
unmeaning professions; neither
be deluded, by imagining we

keep Thy Holy Laws, whilst in
in so many things we offend all:
but may we ever watch, and
pray; and escape those snares of
vice and wickedness, which sur-
round us, and would draw us to
perdition.

BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL,

Oh, deliver us from the tyranny,
and power, of Sin and Satan,
which we labour under. Deliver
our Souls from the suggestions
of the Evil one: and Deliver us
from the habits of transgressing,
which rage in our hearts: and
from the grievous judgments,
and afflictions, which might most
justly overwhelm us.

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,

For Thine, O Lord, is the Rule,

and Dominion, over the whole Universe. There can finally be no Power, or Kingdom, in this World, or in that which is to Come, but Thine. And though, for the present time, the whole Creation groaneth, and Thy Work of Redemption is not yet fully known; in Thy due time it must finally be revealed, and manifested unto all; and Thou wilt truly appear The Lord of all.

AND THE POWER,

Thine also is the Power: Thou, Lord, and Thou only, art able to deliver us, and to redeem our Souls, and to perfect all things.

AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER AND EVER,

And if we be at length saved,

and made happy, it is of Thy free goodness, and by Thy help alone, and not by our own strength. To Thee, therefore, O Most Merciful, and Mighty Lord God, be all the Glory, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

Oh, may this Our Prayer be heard and accepted.

H Y M N S
TO
THE SUPREME BEING.

PART THE FIRST.

HYMN I.

THOU, O Lord, hast made all things in
Heaven and in Earth: and Thy tender
care is over all.

2. Innumerable Worlds stood forth
at Thy command; and by Thy word
they are filled with glorious works.

3. Who can comprehend the bound-

Ver. 2. See the Introduction to Ferguson's Astronomy, and also Derham's Astro-theology.

Ver. 3. See the Philosophical Transactions, Vol. LVII. p. 234.

less Universe? or number the Stars of Heaven?

4. Are they not the Habitations of Thy Power? filled with manifestations of Thy Wisdom, and Goodness?

5. Amidst them Thou hast provided a dwelling for Man; that he also might praise Thy Name.

6. The Sun shineth and is very glorious; and we rejoice in the light thereof.

7. We admire its brightness, and

Ver. 7. The Sun, even according to the old and least computation, was found to be about 763,000 miles in diameter, and the earth about 7970; from whence it would follow, that the Sun is, at least, about 878,000 times as big as the earth; how vast then must the disproportion be, since it now appears, in consequence of our attaining a more accurate knowledge of the Sun's parallax, that the difference of their diameter is still much greater.

and perceive its greatness; and our Earth vanisheth in comparison with it.

8. Yet what is this amidst Thy Works? is it not as a point, and as nothing in the firmament of Heaven?

9. What then is man, that Thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that Thou visitest him?

10. Should he presume to look up unto Thee? or can his prayers come before the Most High?

11. Wilt Thou regard him? or have respect unto his ways?

12. Behold, O Lord, my Soul trusteth on Thee; for Thou hast created all

Ver. 8. Wisdom of Solomon, xi. 22. It appears clearly, and to demonstration, from the observations made in the Philosophical Transactions, in the paper alluded to ver. 3, that the Sun itself is lost, as a mere point, in the immensity of the Universe.

things, and wilt not neglect Thy works.

13. Thou causest the grass to grow, and the Tree to shoot forth leaves, and fruit.

14. Thou hast created, and upholdest all living creatures: if Thou withdrawest Thy hand they perish.

15. Thou art ever nigh unto us: for in Thee we live, and move, and have our being.

16. Thy Power is circumscribed by no bounds; both great and small are alike unto Thee.

17. And Thine infinite and Divine attributes are manifested, by upholding and caring for all Thy works.

Ver. 13. Matt. vi. 28.

Ver. 15. Acts xvii. 28.

Ver. 16. Job xxv. 5. Psalm xc. 4.

Ver. 17. Heb. i. 3.

18. From the Sun in the firmament of heaven, to the sand on the sea shore, all is the operation of Thy hand.

19. From the Cherubim and Seraphin, who stand before Thee, to the worm in the bowels of the Earth, all living creatures receive of Thee, what is good and expedient for them.

20. And not one suffereth change, without Thy knowledge.

21. Praise then the Lord, O my Soul, and rejoice before Him.

22. Lift up thyself unto Him with reverence, for He heareth thy prayer, and will help thee.

23. O my God, give me an understanding heart; and make me to be filled with true wisdom.

Ver. 20. Matt. x. 29.

Ver. 23. Prov. iv. 7. James i. v.

24. Make me to know Thee, O Most High, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.

25. May I be filled with faith on Him; and enabled to keep his sayings!

26. May I obtain pardon for my sins, and strength to amend my ways!

27. May I be filled with Thy Holy Spirit, and daily draw nearer to Thee my God!

28. And appoint for me, here on Earth, what Thou seest good and expedient for me.

29. Help me, that I may discharge my duty in my station, and do Thy will.

30. And having served my gene-

Ver. 24. John xvii. 3.

Ver. 25. John viii. 51; xiv. 21—24.

ration here on Earth, grant that I may enter into the world of light.

31. That I may join the Host of Heaven, to praise Thy Name, O Lord, for ever and ever.

HYMN II.

O LORD, Thou needest not our Praises: our thanksgivings and adorations are unworthy to be accepted before Thee.

2. In infinite mercy Thou permittest us to lift up our souls; that by the Love and Fear of Thee we may become happy.

3. Thou teachest us to know, and

Ver. 1. Job xxii. 2.

Ver. 3. 1 Thess. ii. 12.

adore thee; that we may be fitted to inherit Life Everlasting.

4. Shouldst Thou, Lord, be extreme to mark what is done amiss, our most humble and fervent worship should be rejected.

5. But Thou pardonest our infirmities; and favourably receivest our frail desires.

6. Thou dost help Thy servants by thy Spirit, teaching their hearts to look up unto Thee.

7. O that my Soul might draw near to God! that I might continually be filled with a sense of His Goodness!

8. That in all His works I might acknowledge Him, and rejoice in the Operation of His hands!

9. By Thee, O Lord, I have been fearfully and wonderfully made.

10. Thou hast taught mine eyes to see, mine ears to hear, and my tongue to speak.

11. Thou hast given me also reason and thought; that I might comprehend, and consider Thy glorious works.

12. Should I neglect to consider Thy ways; and to apply my mind unto knowledge?

13. Should I be as one that saw not, and abuse these means of obtaining wisdom?

14. Should I make them subservient to wickedness and sin; and be stupidly insensible of the instruction around me?

15. O that I might walk in Thy ways, and keep Thy Commandments!

16. That I might depart from all

evil; and be occupied in the meditation of Thy Goodness!

17. Then my Soul shall dwell at ease, and I should rejoice before Thee.

18. Happiness should be with me; and my Heaven should be begun on Earth.

19. Amidst Calamities I should be unmoved; and the cares of the world should not distress me.

20. O Lord, hear my prayer; and let my cry come unto Thee.

21. Truly I do know, that Thou rejoicest in mercy, and preventest our supplications.

22. Thou needest not that any should ask of Thee; and art ever disposed to do good.

23. But Thou teachest us to pray: that we may be fitted to receive Thy

mercies; and may not resist Thy gracious appointments:

24. That by holy exercises our hearts may be sanctified: and that our souls may draw near unto Thee, O God.

25. O let not my soul resist Thy will: let me not be unprepared to receive Thy gracious appointments!

26. O be it unto me according to Thy good pleasure; for then it shall be well with me!

27. O teach me so to number my days, that I may apply my heart unto wisdom.

28. That I may become useful also in my generation; and an instrument of good in Thy hands.

29 That I may obey the Gospel of

Ver. 29. John xiv. 21, 24.

Christ my Saviour; and keep His sayings here on Earth.

30. That I may fulfil Thy Will, in my Lot, here; and, through Him, obtain Life hereafter.

31. That I may join the Host of Heaven; and glorify Thee to all Eternity.

32. That I may for ever contemplate Thy works; and see Thee, the Living God.

HYMN III.

PRAISE The Lord, O ye Saints of His,
ye Servants of His, who do His pleasure.

2. Who can declare the works of

Ver. 1. Psalm cxlv. 10.

Ver. 2. Psalm xcvi. 4.

the Lord? or who can shew forth all His Praise?

3. The Heaven of Heavens cannot contain them: there is no end of the manifestations of His Goodness and Power.

4. The Sun giveth Light, and beareth rule in its place; it nourisheth the Earth, and maketh it fruitful.

5. At the command of the Most High it was created: and it fulfilleth its appointed task.

6. Many worlds are nourished by it: and its glory is great.

7. By its influence the Earth is clothed with Plenty: and the Habitation of man is rendered exceeding beautiful.

8. The Moon also ariseth and giveth Light: and quickeneth the waters, that they turn not to corruption.

9. The works of God, on Earth, are very excellent, and every thing serveth its appointed end.

10. The vast Ocean is extended over the face thereof; it lifteth up its waters towards Heaven; it floweth to and fro; and, by its motion, purifieth the air.

11. It filleth the Clouds with Rain;

Ver. 8. The Moon, by being the Cause of the Tides, occasions a continual agitation in the waters of the Sea, which preserves them from stagnation and putrefaction. It also occasions a similar motion and agitation in the air; which, by that means, and also by the motion of the waters, is preserved pure, and untainted. And it is moreover now also known, that the Water of the Sea has in itself a peculiar property of restoring putrid air to a pure and wholesome state.

and causeth the Earth to be covered with Riches.

12. At the Command of God the Hills arose, whence Rivers pour down, for the service of man and beast.

13. From the tops of the Mountains He poureth down plenty: and they are formed to receive the gatherings together of waters.

14. There is nothing created in vain; nor aught that is evil, in the appointments of the Almighty.

15. Even noxious animals have their

Ver. 12. It is now well known to Philosophers, that Mountains and Hills are the great sources of Streams and Rivers: and that, besides containing those springs internally, which arise even to their summits, they serve also externally to break the clouds, and to attract them; and collect the waters from thence, more than any other parts of the earth.

appointed use; and are instruments in the hands of God for good.

16. At the Command of the Most High they go forth; they are the armies of God; and are scourges to the children of men.

17. O Lord, therein we behold how terrible are the weakest instruments of Thy Wrath: and how Thou dost, by the lowest reptiles, reprove, and humble the pride of man.

18. O that I were wise! that I

Ver. 15. There are various instances of the utility of those, called noxious, animals; amongst the rest, see Adanson's History of Senegal, p. 279; in which Book there are many instances of the great power of God manifested in the Works of Creation.

Ver. 15. Wisdom xi. 15. Ecclesiasticus xxxix. 21, 30, 31. See also the account of the *Termites* of Africa, in the Philos. Trans. Vol. LXXI. p. 146, 147. And see also the account of the Sea Worm, in the same Vol. p. 182, 183.

Ver. 16. Joel ii. 25.

might understand! that I might perceive the ways of God!

19. Then should I know, indeed, that all thing are well ordered; and should offer a spiritual sacrifice unto the Most High.

20. Thou, O Lord, protectest and upholdest all living creatures; and carest for the sons of men.

21. Mercy and Goodness are manifest in all Thy ways; and Wisdom in all thy works.

22. But moreover, they are very dreadful. When I behold them, I tremble, because of Thy Power.

Ver. 20. 1 Pet. v. 7.

Ver. 22. To a contemplative mind, there is not, perhaps, a more tremendous consideration, than that which arises from reflecting on the various modes of existence, and the many different kinds of bodies, wherein it pleases God to cause life to

23. How great is the Alligator, and his aspect how terrible!

24. He preyeth on man and beast, and on the inhabitants of the waters; and saith not, I have enough.

25. He careth not for his young, but devoureth them: for so God hath appointed, that fury may restrain itself.

26. He disdaineth to lie lurking for his food: and like a mighty hunter pursueth his prey.

27. They gather themselves toge-

dwel. Many living creatures being (for infinitely wise reasons, no doubt, though unknown to us) subjected to great sufferings; both from one part of the creation preying continually upon another; and from the necessity which there is of destroying so many reptiles and insects.

Ver. 23. See the account of the Alligator in Don Antonio de Ulloa's Voyage to South America, Vol. I. p. 200; a most instructive and entertaining book.

ther in Troops: they surround the waters on all parts; they compel their prey to fall into their toils.

28. Yet are not the beds of the rivers forsaken; nor the waters without inhabitants; for God giveth increase.

29. Neither is man destroyed: for God hath subdued even this Leviathan unto him.

30. He putteth a hook into his nostrils, and he pierceth his jaws with iron, and laugheth at his fury and strength.

31. Who hath given the Gallinazo wisdom; and taught her to watch for her food?

Ver. 30. See the account of the manner in which the Indians catch and hunt the Alligator, in Ulloa's Voyage, Vol. I. p. 203.

32. She sitteth as a watchman on a Tower, and patiently expecteth her prey.

33. She watcheth not for herself alone, but for man and beast; and destroyeth the brood of the Leviathan.

34. She preyeth also on corruption; and purifieth the Earth from the defilements thereof.

35. Who beholdeth the Serpent without terror, and flieth not from its deadly bite?

36. It traverseth the woods; and is dreaded by man and beast.

37. The Corales and the Cascabeles are very terrible; they are the arrows of death.

Ver. 32. For the full explanation of this, see Ulloa's Voyage, Vol. I. p. 59.—and also p. 202.

38. But God hath given to the Corale glorious colours, and to the Cascabele a sounding noise.

39. The Corales is seen, and the Cascabeles is heard; and Man walketh in safety.

40. How excellent is Wisdom! and her paths how pleasant!

41. She giveth light to the blind in heart; and causeth the deaf to hear.

42. Man liveth in darkness, amidst the works of God: he considereth them not; but consumeth them in riot and excess;

43. He hath no pleasure in his Soul,

Ver. 38. These particulars are most curiously explained in Ulloa's Voyage, Vol. I. p. 62. N. B. The English Translation in 2 vols. octavo, is the edition here referred to; but the French is a still better translation.

nor doth he lift up his heart to the Most High;

44. Till Wisdom enlighteneth his mind, and informeth him: then doth he rejoyce, and is as one that awakeneth from deep sleep.

45. Remember me, O Lord, I pray Thee, in mercy: and think upon Thy servant whom thou hast created.

46. Behold, by Thee I have been fearfully and wonderfully made: and by thy Power alone I am continually upheld.

HYMN IV.

ALL Thy Works praise Thee, O Lord,
the Great Creator of Heaven and
Earth.

Ver. 1. Ecclesiasticus xxxix, 33.

2. Thou hast not confined Thy blessings to a few Beings, but hast given means of comfort unto all.

3. In infinite variety Thy Bounty appeareth: Thou indeed sawest all things that they were very good.

4. Behold the frozen regions of the North, and the Mountains covered with aged snows.

5. The Seas where ships have no passage, and whose bosoms are bound with bands of ice:

6. The regions where no green herb appeareth; and which for months behold not the light of the sun, nor the cheerful day.

7. Can these be the habitations of man? or can aught that is good be found therein?

8. Even *there*, is manifested infinite wisdom: and abundant means of solace are offered to the contented soul.

Ver. 8. Strange as it may appear to us, amidst the luxuries we have been accustomed to in these climates, and amidst the advantages of civilization, it is a most undoubted fact, that the poor Laplanders, amidst their snows, and enjoying (as we think) so few articles of accommodation, are yet convinced, that in the whole universe they could not find a place of abode more secure and agreeable than their own country;—that the Kamtschadales think themselves the happiest people in the world, and look upon the Russians who are settled amongst them with contempt;—that the Greenlanders set themselves, in their own estimation, far above the Europeans;—that the Arabians dwell with pleasure amidst the burning sands of the Desert;—and that the barbarous inhabitants of the most Scorching Regions of Africa procure, with the utmost ease, what they esteem the comforts and conveniencies of life;—and the natives even of Senegal, think their Territory a Paradise.—To all which we may add, that the great partiality every man, of every

9. The humble Samoeid ariseth from sleep, and leaveth the subterraneous habitation:

10. He beholdeth the moon, and the stars in their brightness, and the glorious arch of Heaven:

nation under the Sun, shews for his own Country, is a proof of the great Truth affirmed in this Verse.—See a very curious account of the Laplanders in the Annual Register for 1759, p. 330.—History of Kamtschatka, p. 180.—Crantz's History of Greenland, Vol. I. p. 134.—Moore's Travels into Africa, pref. x. and p. 179.

Ver. 9. The Samoeids are much the same people as the Laplanders, and are inhabitants of some of the most Northern parts of Europe. See a curious account of them in the Annual Register for 1759, p. 329. The Eskimaux Indians, also, inhabit as cold a Country in North America; yet Mr. Ellis informs us, that they retain the strongest and most astonishing partiality for it, even when brought to the European Factories, and after they have lived there for several years. See Ellis's Voyage to Hudson's Bay, p. 133.

11. He seeth the northern flames,
and the rich mantle of the sky, sur-
prisingly varied with beauty inexpressible.

12. They afford him light in the
absence of the moon; and, when it
ariseth, increase the glory of the
scene.

13. He murmureth not for that the
Sun is hid from him: he scarce wisheth
for its light.

14. The bright snow doth not now
offend his eyes; and he beholdeth the
dazzling prospect without pain.

Ver. 11. The Northern Lights are seen there
much stronger and brighter than in any other parts
of the world; and so frequently, as to be visible al-
most always during the absence of the Sun, and
with an infinite variety of appearance. See Ellis's
Voyage, p. 172; and Pontoppidan's History of Nor-
way, p. 4; Annual Register for 1759, p. 334.

15. He knoweth that the moon will give light for many days; and doth not fear the approach of thick darkness.

16. He covereth himself with furs, and is warm; and rejoiceth in the gifts of God.

17. He seeketh his Sledge, and harnesseth his rein deer, and flieth like lightning along the tops of the mountains.

18. Their feet enter not into the

Ver. 15. On account of the peculiar inclination of the Moon's Orbit to the Ecliptic, and also by means of the Refraction of the Atmosphere, which is in the Northern Regions remarkably dense; the Moon gives an uninterrupted light much more than half the month, and sometimes almost as long as it is capable of affording any considerable light to any part of the Earth whatever.

Ver. 17 and 18. The Pace of the Rein Deer is very swift and rapid, and their hoofs are remarkably

snow; they scarce leave traces of their path:

19. For they were formed to tread its bosom, and their hoofs spread far to assist their steps.

20. They are taught also to seek their food, where it is not seen; and to find plenty, where no green herb appeareth.

21. The Samoeid resteth himself

broad and spreading, by which means they tread securely on the surface of the snow, without sinking into it. See Perry's *State of Russia*, p. 65; and also Salmon's *Universal Traveller*, Vol. I. p. 641, 642.

Ver. 20. These useful animals, the Rein Deer, live upon a kind of Moss, which is, during the greater part of the year, buried very deep under the snow. By a most wonderful instinct and sagacity, however, they know where to find it; and digging up the snow with their feet, readily come at the precise spots where it abounds; even in parts of the country to which they were before entirely strangers. *Annual Register* for 1759, p. 337.

without care; and they search for that which God hath given for their support.

22. Without reason they know where their food is hid, and are led to the place whereon it groweth.

23. They quickly remove the deep snow; and their labour is not in vain.

24. The refreshing moss appeareth; and their hunger is satisfied.

25. The Samoeid returneth to his cavern, and to the repast provided for him.

26. His careful wife rejoiceth at his presence; and his little children play around him.

27. He closeth his hut, and is warm; and desireth no other dwelling.

28. The Sun returneth, at the appointed Season, and its approach is hastened by the density of the air.

29. It ariseth, and giveth light; and ceaseth not to shine, from the sowing of the corn, unto the reaping of the same.

30. At its presence the snows disappear in the vallies; and they are covered with verdure.

31. The Samoeid forsaketh his

Ver. 28. The Air in those cold Countries is so exceedingly dense, and its refractive power, in consequence thereof, so strong, that the Sun is seen many days before it, in reality, rises above the Horizon.

Ver. 29. The Corn is usually reaped, in Lapland, within about nine weeks, after it is first sown. Annual Register for 1759, p. 330; Pontoppidan, Vol. I. p. 21.

winter habitation, and liveth at large in the fields.

32. He diggeth up the Earth, and soweth his corn; and the ground restoreth it quickly many fold.

33. He is delighted with the variety around him; and layeth up his winter stores.

34. The vast mountains of ice are diminished, and the lighter waters of the North flow to purify the Southern seas.

35. When the Most High appointed the Sun its course, and bade it to pass over the middle regions of the world;

Ver. 34. The Water of the Ocean, near the Equator, is remarkably salt and thick; and, if it were not for the fresher water that comes from the Poles, would grow so more and more, and occasion many ill consequences both to the inhabitants of the earth and water.

36 Trembled not the Earth at His Command? did not the Mountains quake?

37. How shall the Ground endure the burning Heat, or yield its appointed fruits?

38. Must it not be covered with desert Sands? and divide the habitation of man?

39. The Lord, who formed all things, hath made nothing in vain: neither hath he left any part of Creation void.

40. The Torrid Zone burneth not; neither is the soil thereof parcht and barren.

Ver. 38. The Torrid Zone was thought by the ancient Philosophers to be all parched by heat and uninhabited; but we now find that many parts both of Africa, and South America, are the most fruitful and delicious spots in the world. See Ovington's Voyage to Surat, p. 61, and Ulloa's Voyage.

41. Clouds assuage the scorching heat: and Lofty Mountains purify the Air.

42. They raise their hoary heads to Heaven; they collect the Clouds; they are covered with snow; and refreshing gales descend to the Valley beneath.

43. The Ground yieldeth abundant increase, and an everlasting Spring covereth the face thereof.

44. Here also the Terrors of the Lord appear: and in the midst of Mercy

Ver. 41. In Peru, and in many other places under the Torrid Zone, the air is for the most part mild and temperate, by means of the Clouds that hover over those Countries the greatest part of the day, and by means of the refreshing gales which come from the neighbouring mountains, that are always covered with snow. See a very curious Account of *Chili*; published in Italian, at Bologna, 1776, p. 6, &c.

and Goodness He manifesteth His Greatness.

45. A Thick Darkness gathereth about the tops of the mountains; and dreadful thunderings are heard;

46. The Rain descends in vast torrents; the heavens blaze with lightning; and the High rocks resound with peals of Thunder, and the howlings of wild beasts.

Ver. 45. Tornadoes and Tempests, dreadful beyond all imagination, are frequent in hot Countries. Of these there are many curious accounts in the Abridgment of the Philosophical Transactions. Some very curious and particular descriptions of them may also be seen in The Account of the European Settlements in America, Vol. II. p. 93; and in Dampier's Voyages, Vol. II. p. 86, and Part III. p. 71. See also Kalm's Travels, Vol. II. p. 125.

Ver. 46. In South America, as soon as a Tempest begins, and the Thunder grows loud, the howlings of the wild beasts in the woods (who are ter-

47. A Roaring wind cometh from the desert; it traverseth along the ground; it teareth up the trees of the forest; and maketh desolate the habitation of man.

48. But at the Command of the Most High the heavens are still, and the whole face of nature again smileth.

49. Man delighteth in his labour, and receiveth an abundant recompence.

50. Yet shall he again behold terrible things, and hide his head for fear.

51. He seeth clouds immoveable, and a dead calm prevaileth :

rified at it) is almost insupportable. It also frequently happens that these Tornadoes and Tempests are attended with most dreadful whirlwinds, which tear up and destroy every thing in their way. See Ulloa's Voyage, Vol. VI. p. 98.

52. The sea retireth far within its wonted bounds; and its waves vanish from his sight:

53. With a dreadful roaring they return, and spread desolation all around.

54. The Earth openeth, with an horrid noise; it quaketh, and reeleth to and fro:

55. The vast Rocks are rent; and the mountains cast forth fire and thick smoke.

Ver. 52. Earthquakes are very frequent in hot Countries; and when great ones happen, the Sea sometimes retires to a considerable distance from the shore, and then, returning with redoubled force, overflows all the adjacent country; as was the case when Port Royal, and also when Lima, were destroyed. See Ulloa's Voyage, Vol. II. p. 84; and The Relation of the Earthquake of 1746, published at Lima, p. 327.

56. Thus doth God appear in Might,
and manifesteth his great Power :

57. Yet sheweth He but a small
part thereof to the sons of men; and
withholdeth his hand, least they pe-
rish.

58. His Terrors are great, but His
Goodness more abundant :

59. Where He permitteth terrible
things; there also He poureth forth
more abundant blessings.

60. No Lands afford such plenty;
nor produce such delicious fruits :

61. No Regions have such gay in-
habitants, as sport there amidst the
woods and painted valleys.

Ver. 61. The Beauty of the Birds, and their
fine colours, in all hot countries, are most remark-
able. Catesby's History of Carolina, and the beau-
tiful Exhibition at Mr. Lever's most curious Mu-

62. Flowers innumerable fill the air with fragrant sweets; and the beauteous pine groweth wild in the woods:

63. From a tuft of the brightest green, it reareth its head of crimson dye:

64. The beauteous flower perfumeth the air; and often flourishes unseen.

65. It fadeth away, and the fruit ripeneth, and refresheth the weary traveller.

66. He plucketh the gilded cone

seum, will sufficiently inform any one of this fact. See also, Bancroft's History of Guiana, p. 183, and Ulloa's Voyage, Vol. I. p. 57, 58.

Ver. 62. The Pine Apple, whose Blossom is one of the finest Flowers, and which is also one of the most delicious fruits, does in some hot Countries grow quite wild in the woods, and in great plenty, and especially near Carthagen, in South America (Ulloa's Voyage, Vol. I. p. 74.) It also grows wild in Africa (Ovington's Voyage, p. 61.)

from its verdant bed, and rejoiceth in the gifts of nature.

67. Thus hath God made even the habitation of men very good; and even on us sinners hath poured abundant mercies.

68. How glorious then shall He form the everlasting mansions, prepared for them that love Him, and hope on His Mercy!

69. How glorious and good shall He form the World to come, where He will manifest Himself to those who trust on His Goodness!

70. Behold we perceive as yet, but a small portion of His Works; we see the operations of His hands as through a glass darkly; yet how excellent do they appear!

Ver. 70. 1 Corinthians, xiii. 12.

71. Praise then the Lord, ye Servants
of His, O Praise the name of the Lord.

72. Praise God in His Holiness;
Praise Him in the firmament of his
Power.

73. Praise Him in His Noble Acts;
Praise Him according to His excellent
Greatness.

HYMN V.

How admirable are the works of God!
How excellent the operations of His
hands!

2. I considered plants and animals;
four-footed beasts, and creeping things.

3. In all was manifested infinite

Ver. 72. Psalm cl. 1.

Ver. 73. Psalm cl. 2.

wisdom, and an excellent workmanship, that I could not comprehend.

4. Yet so much was made known unto me, as declared the power and goodness of God; and the continued agency of the Great Creator, and Lord of all things.

5. I beheld the Caterpillar issuing from its egg, on the very plant needful for its support:

6. For there the parent fly had placed it, that it might have whereon to feed.

7. It enjoys the repast, it weaveth its web, and, preparing for its end, buildeth itself a rich tomb.

Ver. 7. See a most elegant account of the manner of life, and of the transformation of insects, in the first volume of *Nature Displayed*.

8. It resteth from its labours; and sleepeth the sleep of death.

9. At the appointed time it is raised again, and the Great Creator of all things giveth it a new life.

10. It leaveth its ashes in the tomb,

Ver. 9. This similitude is finely introduced, and made use of as an argument, with many others, by Bishop Pearson, in his excellent Book on the Creed, to shew, even from the light of nature, both the possibility, and the probability, of a resurrection; and to prepare the mind to receive and embrace the light afforded by the Gospel, with regard to that most important doctrine: and it still deserves to be used as such; although that curious observer of nature, Mr. Swammerdam, has proved that the worm does not absolutely perish in the *Aurelia*. For even he has also shewn, that there is, for a time, a dissolution of the insect's whole frame; the skin of the worm being quite cast off, and the whole of the bodily substance becoming a mere fluid, within the *Aurelia case*; before it is changed into a *nympha*, as a prelude to its becoming a fly.

and ascends with a more beauteous form, into the regions of the air.

11. How glorious are its wings!
and its limbs how delicate!

12. It is covered with a rich plumage; and furnished with myriads of eyes, to behold all around.

13. With its trunk it surpasseth

Ver. 12. The discoveries of the Microscope have informed us, that the Eyes of flies consist each of a most prodigious number of small Corneas, set in an hemisphere, every one of which appears to have distinct vision; and by this means, although flies cannot turn their heads, or move their eyes, yet they see almost all around them at once. One of their eyes, through a Microscope, appears, from this vast number of Corneas, like a rich net work; and its beauty is hardly to be conceived, by those who have not minutely examined it.

Ver. 13. All Flies, as well as the Bee, are furnished with a trunk, or sucker, with which those, who feed on flowers, extract their rich juice for sustenance, though they do not lay up honey.

the art of the Chymist; and extracteth from flowers the most delicious sweets.

14. It forsakes the leaf whereon it was first nourished, rejoicing in the bounty of its Maker.

15. But, at His command, it is mindful of its offspring, and provides for the safety and sustenance thereof.

16. With anxious care it seeketh out the plant, which God hath given for its infant worms.

17. Though itself feedeth not thereon, neither careth for the verdant leaves, yet is it led with unerring search, and never faileth in its choice.

18. It curiously spreadeth forth its eggs; and, without thought, fulfilleth its appointed task.

19. The Lord, Who bath withheld

reason from these, hath given them instinct, a surer guide.

20. What spirit ruleth in them, O Lord, Thou only knowest; let us behold their operations, and humbly adore.

21. The Bee, just raised to life, without a teacher, skilfully forms her cell.

22. The Sage's art is known to her: she has discovered the most capacious form, and the best division of space.

23. Without scale or compass, she nicely measureth her work, and with great care strengtheneth its foundations.

Ver. 22. All the Cells in an honeycomb are Hexagons, which Mathematicians have found to be the only regular figures, except Squares and Triangles, which will exactly fill up space; and which, at the same time, are much more capacious than either of the latter.

24. She layeth her foundations, in the upper part; she buildeth downwards, even unto the ground; and exquisitely finisheth her work; surpassing the art of man.

25. The bird, fluttering from its parental nest, needs no instruction to fulfil her task.

26. Who taught her to rear an habitation for her young?

27. To build with unerring skill; and exactly to form the structure peculiar to her kind?

28. Who informed her that she should lay her eggs; and that she should want a nest to preserve them from destruction?

29. Who told her its proportion and extent? and the number of her young that should have life?

30. Who enabled her to know times and seasons? and to provide that her work might be finished ere she should bring forth?

31. Who counselled her to forbear her wonted flights; and patiently to sit brooding on her young?

32. O, that I had understanding, to know the ways of God!

33. That I might learn to praise my Maker; and become wise by the instruction around me!

34. Wilt not thou, O Lord, who raiseth the Caterpillar from its tomb, raise man also from the dust of death?

35. Wilt not Thou, who teachest the fowls of the air to fulfil their appointed task, guide the sons of men, by thy Spirit, to do Thy will?

36. Wilt not Thou, Who so plentifully pourest forth Blessings, upon all Thy Creatures, appoint good things for those that fear Thy Name?

37. I know, O Lord, that Thou art good; and therefore doth my heart give thanks unto Thee.

38. O praise the God of Heaven, Whose Mercy is extended over all.

39. Let every thing that hath breath praise Him; and let man, the priest of the Creation, offer up a sacrifice of Thanksgiving unto the Most Highest.

40. Even a sacrifice accepted through the Mediation of the Redeemer; by Whom, though we be compassed with

Ver. 36. Matthew vi. 26; vii. 11.

Ver. 39. Psalm cl. 6. 1 Peter ii. 5, 9. Rev. i. 6.

infirmities, we have access unto the Living God.

HYMN VI.

O THAT I might draw near to God!
that I might learn His ways, and do
his Righteous Will!

2. He is our Creator, and Preserver,
our Lord and Governour; for His Ser-
vice were we formed, and made to fill
our appointed place.

3. May we discharge the duties
thereof; and be instruments of good
in His hands!

4. The Lord called this world out

Ver. 40. Ephesians ii. 18; iii. 12. Hebrews viii. 1;
v. 2.

Ver. 2. Daniel xii. 13.

of nothing. He spake the word, and all therein was made.

5. At His Command Light came forth; and, by the breath of His mouth, He gave life to all living creatures.

6. He hath manifested His Divine Attributes in the works of creation; and given man understanding, to consider them, and to learn His ways.

7. Wherefore is this Profusion of Gifts? and why is this Glorious Scene displayed around?

8. Was it that man should live in riot and excess? that he should consume them without thought? and be inebriated, and stupified, by that which should fill his heart with wisdom?

Ver. 4. Psalm xxxiii. 6.

Ver. 5. Genesis i. 3.

9. Is God glorified by unmeaning praise? or by senseless and idle words?

10. Can a man say, the works of God are good, and excellent, and give Praise unto the Most Highest; if he neither knoweth nor considereth them?

11. Wherefore have we eyes to see? and hearts that we may know and understand?

12. O Lord, make me to contemplate Thy glorious Works: and that which I know not, teach Thou me.

13. I beheld the Swallow departing from her abode, and travelling in search of other lands.

Ver. 13. It has been a matter much disputed, by Natural Historians, whether Swallows pass over the Sea into other Countries; or whether they hide themselves in holes, and even under the water, during the winter months, and remain all that time, like flies, in a torpid state. And so many facts have

14. As at the sound of a trump they assemble; and form their feathered bands.

15. They know seasons; they observe times; and wait the appointed hour.

16. Not one ariseth, nor leaveth its place, till the instant ordained for their departure.

17. At once they mount into the

been alleged in support of both opinions (which may be seen at large in the Philosophical Transactions), that, probably, both opinions are partly founded in truth: but be that as it may, I can myself ascertain the truth of what is here mentioned, and alluded to; for I have seen these birds assembling for many days together, on the top of a certain large house, and increasing in number every day, till at last the whole roof was covered quite thick with them; and then they took their final departure, flying all together, quite out of sight, and appeared no more that Season.

air, and pass unto the place appointed for them.

18. Without chart, or compass, they form their course: and dread neither winds nor storms, nor the dismal obscurity of the night.

19. Is it not God that guides them? doth not their Creator lead them?

20. Excellent are Thy Ways, O God; and wonderful are the effects of Thy Providence!

21. Seeing things *uncommon*, we adore; and lift up our souls with admiration.

22. But teach us *in all things* to consider Thee; that we pass not by unnoticed Thy bounteous gifts.

23. That which is most excellent, is most common; should we *therefore* neglect to give Praise unto Thee?

24. O let the thoughts of my heart find favour in Thy sight; whilst I seek to acknowledge Thy Gifts, O Lord most High.

25. The strong Ox is given unto man, to prepare his food, and assist him in his labours.

26. He patiently endureth the yoke; and obeyeth the voice of his driver: he laboureth with incessant pains; and meekly receiveth his reward, the portion allotted for his support.

27. The Cow fleeth not from the abode of man, but plentifully supplieth him with food; and returneth with her burthen, at the appointed hour.

28. Why seek they not the woods; and to range at large, with the beasts of the forest?

29. Why do they not forsake man; and leave his habitation desolate?

30. Lo the swift Horse, also, is obedient; and unmindful of his power and might.

31 The fearful Sheep hearken to the voice of the shepherd; and follow him who leadeth them forth to pasture.

32. With amazing fruitfulness they increase, and replenish the folds; (whereas beasts of prey are few, and their offspring few in number).

33. They yield their wool to the shearer; and their lives for the service of man; and fulfil the ends that God hath appointed for them.

34. Faithful is the Shepherd's guard: a pattern of fidelity to man.

35. He preferreth his duty to life

itself; and suffereth not the approach of the thief and robber.

36. Watchful, and sincere; sportful, and affectionate; cheering the heart of his master.

37. From his hand he receiveth, with eager joy, the bounty destined for his support.

38. The food of man is not withheld from him: he is an emblem of the wide extent of Mercy;

39. Whilst sinners are healed, and live, by the Word of God; and dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.

40. Who commanded all these to obey man, and to submit themselves to do his pleasure?

41. The Lion and the Tiger refuse to be tamed: the Ox and the Dog want not strength, or power, to resist man's will.

42. But God hath created these for man; and hath made them subservient unto him.

43. O let the Servants of God be thankful: Let them adore His name.

44. Let them give Praise, and Glory, and Honour, to the Lord Almighty, Who liveth for ever.

HYMN VII.

Who can express the Noble Acts of the Lord? or who can shew forth all His Praise?

Ver. 43. Psalm cxlv. 10.

Ver. 1. Psalm cvi. 2.

2. He is Great, and Excellent in Wisdom: He is Good, and His Power has no bounds.

3. Thousands of thousands minister unto Him; and ten thousand times ten thousand stand before Him,

4. And lift up their voices, giving Thanks and Praise, to The Lord God Omnipotent, Who liveth for ever.

5. Shall man alone forget his Maker? and shall *he*, for whom God hath done so great things, be unmindful of Him?

6. The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld the sons of men.

7. He saw; and behold they had perverted their ways; and broken His

Ver. 3. Daniel vii. 10. Rev. v. 11.

Ver. 6. Psalm xiv. 3.

most Righteous and Holy Commandments.

8. They were perverse, and foolish, and eschewed good; and none lived without offence:

9. They were unprofitable amongst the works of God: and become like a blot in the Creation.

10. Alas! we have all sinned, and deserved death; there is no man holy, and worthy to appear before God.

11. Destruction and misery were our portion; and that we should cease to be reckoned amongst the servants of the Most High.

12. But God would not that what *He*

Ver. 7. Psalm liii. 3, 4.

Ver. 10. 1 John i. 8.

Ver. 11. Romans iii. 16.

had made should perish: He willed to perform a greater work than Creation.

13. With compassion, and tender mercy, He beheld our folly; and said, Let man be Redeemed.

14. From the Mansions of Eternal bliss, and His High Throne in Heaven;

15. From the Glory of the Father, which He inherited ere the World was;

16. The Lord of Life, The Son of God, descended.

17. When the Most High created the heavens and the earth, and laid the foundations on the waters;

18 When God said, Let there be light; and, by His Word, caused all things to exist;

Ver. 13. Romans viii. 32. 1 John iv. 10.

Ver. 14. John iii. 13. Ephesians iv. 9, 10

Ver. 15. John i. 7; xvii. 5.

Ver. 18. Genesis i. 3.

19. The Holy One, Who hath Redeemed us, saw; and beheld the outgoings of the Ancient of days:

20. And He stood not silent to behold; but at the Will of the Father stepped forth to creation; and by *Him* were all things made.

21. Yet even *He, The Lord of Life*, descended; and took on him the nature of helpless man:

22. That he might redeem sinners; and restore a fallen world unto His God.

23. That, out of evil, He might produce the greater good;

Ver. 19. Daniel vii. 13.

Ver. 20. John i. 3. 10. Hebrews i. 2. Colossians i. 16, 17. Ephesians iii. 9.

Ver. 21. Hebrews ii. 16. Acts iii. 15.

Ver. 22. 2 Corinthians v. 18, 19. Colossians i. 20.

Ver. 23. Romans v. 15, 16, 17.

24. And cause redoubled joy in heaven, for the exaltation of that which was lost.

25. O praise Him, all ye servants of God: praise Him, all ye Heavenly Hosts.

26. O love Him, all ye sons of men; and, with unfeigned hearts, obey His will.

27. Who can declare the ways of God? or who can comprehend His secret counsels?

28. Wherefore was this appointment? and why was the Holy One divested of His glory?

29. He was despised, and rejected of *men*: a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.

Ver. 24. Luke xv. 7.

Ver. 27. Romans xi. 34.

Ver. 29. Isaiah liii. 3.

30. He was wounded, for our transgressions; He was bruised, for our iniquities: The chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and, with His stripes, we are healed.

31. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted; yet He opened not His mouth: He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before the shearers is dumb, so He opened not his mouth.

32. He was taken away by violence, and unjust judgment: yet who can declare the wondrous things that He had done?

33. And He made his grave with

Ver. 30. Isaiah liii. 5.

Ver. 31. Isaiah liii. 7.

Ver. 32. Isaiah liii. 8. See also Dr. Sharp's Emendation of the Translation of these verses, in his argument in Defence of Christianity, p. 227, &c. John xxi. 25.

the wicked, and with the rich, in His death: though He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth.

34. But God hath raised Him again unto Glory; and made Him the first fruits of them that slept.

35. That, as by man came death, by man also might come the Resurrection of the dead.

36. And now our souls shall live in hope; and we shall see God.

37. He that, believing, repenteth him of evil, and setteth himself to do good, shall find mercy; and be as though he had not sinned.

Ver. 33. Isaiah cliii. 9.

Ver. 34. 1 Timothy iii. 16. 1 Corinthians xv. 20.

Ver. 35. 1 Corinthians xv. 21.

Ver. 36. Romans x. 9.

Ver. 37. Luke xxiv. 47. Acts iii. 19.

38. He shall go on his way on earth rejoicing; and it shall be well with him at his latter end.

39. O give thanks unto the Lord of Heaven; and tell what wondrous things He hath done.

40. Let all nations adore Him; and let the sound of His praise go forth, unto the ends of the earth.

41. Love him, and obey his will, O Lord, let the prayers of Thy servants come before Thee.

42. Let our sacrifice of Thanksgiving find favour in Thy sight; and teach our hearts to look up unto Thee.

Ver. 38. Romans xii. 12. John xvi. 22. | Peter i. 8.

HYMN VIII.

How glad is the heart of man, when
he beholdeth the Wonders of Creation!

2. When he seeth the Sun arrayed
in glory, and the grandeur of its departing beams!

3. When he vieweth the gilded
clouds; and the tints of the evening,
brighter than vermillion!

4. When he surveyeth the starry
concave of heaven, glittering with the
brightness of innumerable Worlds!

5. He seeth the pale Moon also
arising, and diffusing its solemn light
over the face of the earth.

6. He is filled with reverence; and
lifteth up his soul unto his Maker.

7. How Great is the Creator of all these things! yea how Powerful, and Good!

8. O Lord God; all that is in heaven, and in earth, is Thine; and Thou upholdest all.

9. Adored be Thy Name, for ever and ever; and be Thou, O Most Mighty, glorified in all Thy Works.

PART THE SECOND.

HYMN I.

U_NTO Thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; and give thanks with my whole heart.

2. For thou hast heard me when I cried unto Thee; and didst not reject my humble petitions.

3. The snares of death compassed me about: and I was near unto the grave.

4. I said, " My days are numbered:
" and hell hath opened its mouth upon
" me.

5. " Distress and misery are come

“ upon me: and an everlasting destruc-
 “ tion will overwhelm me.

6. “ I have not prayed unto the
 “ Lord; nor lifted up my soul unto
 “ the Most High God.

7. “ I have disobeyed His Will,
 “ and multiplied transgressions; and
 “ shall perish with them that go down
 “ into the pit.

8. “ Yet is there not mercy with
 “ God? is there no room for repent-
 “ ance?

9. “ O spare me a little, that I may
 “ recover my strength, before I go
 “ hence, and be no more seen.”

10. And the Lord heard me, and
 delivered me, that I perished not: He
 raised me up, and heaped blessings
 upon me.

Ver. 9. Psalm xxxix, 15.

11. For Thou, Lord, willest not that any should perish: but that all should come to repentance.

12. Yet my heart was hardened, and I forsook not my sins: but forgot God, and turned again unto folly.

13. Then did the Lord correct me in mercy, and *of His goodness* laid affliction upon me.

14. When I was chastened, I turned unto God; and remembered His past mercies.

15. But my heart was not whole with Him; and I provoked the Most High to anger.

16. O Lord, what am I in Thy sight; that I am not cut off from the land of the living?

17. For I have been unprofitable amongst Thy works; and have not obeyed Thy Will.

18. How great is Thy forbearance, and tender mercy! Who can comprehend Thy Compassion, and Loving Kindness?

19. O turn me unto repentance, and heal my soul: and pardon the hardness and perverseness of my heart.

20. How often, instead of misery and affliction, have I received comfort! instead of punishment and destruction, a blessing!

21. I said, "I will trust on God, "and not on man: for is not the Lord "able to heal?

22. "I will make my prayer unto "the Most Highest: and, if it be His "will, my soul shall live."

23. And the Lord heard me, and delivered me from mine infirmities; He strengthened me; and set my heart at ease.

24. And what my utmost wishes could not have presumed to hope for, He gave me; and still continues His mercy to me.

25. Praise then the Lord, O my Soul, and rejoice before Him.

26. Give thanks unto the Most High; and devote thyself to do His will.

27. O my God, teach me Thy Statutes: and make me to keep Thy Commandments.

28. Give me wisdom to choose the thing that is good: and stedfastness, to walk uprightly before Thee.

29. O make me faithful even unto

the end; that I may obtain a Crown of Life.

30. That I may be an eternal monument of Thy Compassion and Mercy : and may shew forth Thy power.

31. Quicken me, O Lord, by Thy Spirit: and make me to be numbered with Thy redeemed.

32. Through Christ alone I hope for mercy: O let not my humble faith be vain.

33. But, for His sake, O Lord, hear me: and favourably receive my imperfect adoration.

Ver. 29. 2 Timothy iv. 8.

HYMN II.

THOU, O Lord, art praised in Heaven ;
and even from Earth shall the Spirits
of Men look up unto Thee.

2. O Thou that hearest the prayer ;
unto Thee shall all flesh come.

3. My misdeeds prevail against me ;
but O be Thou merciful unto my sin.

4. O give me not over to an abandoned mind : but pardon my transgressions ; and heal my soul.

5. I should utterly have perished ;
but that my hope was on Thee, O
God.

6. I lifted up my voice in my dis-

Ver. 2. Psalm lxxv. 2.

Ver. 3. Psalm lxxv. 3.

tress : even when my soul knew not *how* to approach before Thee.

7. And even *then* Thou heardest me ; and didst deliver me from death, and the grave.

8. Thou didst raise me up, and spare my life ; and madest mine affliction a means of good unto me.

9. With tender kindness Thou didst correct me ; and lead mine heart unto repentance.

10. Thou didst enlighten mine understanding ; and madest me to know Thee, The Living God.

11. Forsake me not now, in the days of my prosperity : O suffer me not to forget Thy Goodness and Mercy.

12. Cast me not away from Thy Presence : O let not indolence, or hardness of heart, prevail in me.

13. But enable me, with devout and holy affections, to draw near to thee, my God : and to devote the days Thou addest to my Life, to the fulfilling Thy righteous Will.

14. And may I worship Thee, O Lord, my Maker, for ever, with a most unfeigned heart !

15. Not with my lips only ; but in every action of my Life, and with every purpose of my Soul.

HYMN III.

BLESSED be the Lord my strength :
Who giveth understanding unto the
heart, and teacheth the soul to search
out truth.

2. My Creator, and Preserver; my Guide, and Protector; my God, in Whom I trust: Who upholdeth my life from destruction; and crowneth His Servants with mercy and loving kindness.

3. The Lord giveth knowledge unto the simple: and understanding to them that are of an humble mind.

4. He is the fountain of all Wisdom: and withholdeth it not from them that pray unto Him.

5. I was foolish, and abandoned to evil: I knew not, neither considered the works of God.

6. Mine eyes were blinded, that I saw not: I enquired not after the Ways of the Most High.

Ver. 3. Psalm xix. 7. Psalm cxix. 130. James iv. 6.

Ver. 4. James i. 5.

7. But it pleased him in mercy to convert my soul. O Lord, shew forth Thy Power, by turning *my heart* utterly from evil and folly.

8. Thou hast taught me to form a prayer unto thee; and to lift up my soul with humble hope.

9. "O Lord, Thou art able to do
"all things: Thou art the author of
"all Wisdom.

10. "O give me an understanding
"heart: and deliver me from ignorance
"and folly.

11. "Make me to know Thee, O
"God Most High: and Thine Holy
"One, Whom Thou hast appointed our
"Redeemer and Judge.

12. "Make me to see, and consider
"Thee, in all thy Works: and to rejoice
"in the operations of Thine hands.

13. "Give me such knowledge, as
"may best enable *me* to do good: and
"an heart to improve it to that end."

14. O let not my prayer be in vain:
Thou, Lord, hearest those that call
upon Thee.

15. What reward shall I give unto
my God, for all the good He hath done
unto my Soul?

16. Can man, who is born of the
earth, do good unto his Maker? or
profit Him Who giveth Salvation?

17. I will receive the cup of thanks-
giving; and call upon The Name of
The Lord.

18. O how pleasant are the ways
of Wisdom, and the paths of know-
ledge!

Ver. 16. Job xxii. 2. Job xxxv. 7.

Ver. 17. Psalm cxvi. 12.

19. How good is it, to see and consider the works of God; and His dealings with the children of men!

20. To discover, *though imperfectly*, the reason of things; and the excellence of the appointments of the Most High!

21. To gather Wisdom, from experience of the ways of God; and to have the view of all ages and nations opened to our eyes!

22. These pleasures surfeit not: the mind is never satiated therewith.

23. By ~~them~~ the soul is nourished; and prepared for Life Eternal.

24. Yet how imperfect is the knowledge attained on Earth! scarce doth it rise above ignorance and folly.

25. The perfection of man's wisdom, is to know his own weak-

ness: and to perceive his want of Instruction.

26. With humble hope to labour for the improvement of his Soul: and to look up unto the Most High, that he may be delivered from error.

27. Lead me, O Lord, in Thy Paths: and instruct me by Thy Holy Spirit.

28. And may the imperfect knowledge I attain on Earth, prepare me to be a partaker of true Wisdom:

29. To enter into the world of light: and to see Thee, the Living God.

HYMN IV.

THE prayers of the wicked are an abomination unto the Lord, when they call upon Him, He will not hear them.

Ver. 1. Proverbs xv. 8; xxi. 27.

2. Wherefore honourest thou God with thy lips, whilst thou layest not up His Commandments in thine heart?

3. Behold the works of God were manifested unto thee, that seeing His goodness, and wisdom, and power, thou mightest become wise; and make it thy *choice* to obey His will.

4. But if thou seest His goodness, and continuest in sin; thine heart is hardened, and thy transgression without excuse.

5. Withhold therefore thy words, and provoke not The Most High: first forsake iniquity, and then adore.

6. Alas, O Lord, I thy servant am very sinful: I have done evil; and am unworthy to look up unto Thee.

Ver. 2. Isaiah xxix. 13, 14. Matthew xv. 8, 9.

7. My provocations are manifold, and my sins grievous; and I might justly be driven, for ever, from Thy Presence.

8. If I should be cut off, and perish, and be cast into hell; Thy sentence would be just, and Thy mercy unimpeached.

9. For Thy forbearance hath exceeded all bounds; and the means afforded me of repentance have been innumerable:

10. Yet, O Lord, whilst I live, I will not despair: Thou knowest mine infirmity, and weakness, and hast seen all the secret purposes of mine heart.

11. O my God, forsake me not; give me not over unto a reprobate mind.

12. Grant me a truly penitent and

contrite heart: and, if it shall please Thee to spare my life, Oh heal my soul.

13. Who can tell the mercies of God; or circumscribe His power?

14. The perverseness of my heart is great; and through levity, and inattention, I continually offend:

15. Yet my Creator may still look upon me; and He is able, by His Spirit, to maintain watchfulness, and a sense of duty within me.

16. He can restrain temptation; and preserve me from falling.

17. O my God, let not my trust on Thee, be hypocrisy, and vain presumption: but, in sincerity, let my thoughts ascend unto Thee; and O hear my prayer, and help me.

18. May I find mercy through the

Mediation of Christ our Redeemer: and learn *so* to believe on Him, as to keep His sayings.

19. O may I be spared unto repentance: and instead of becoming abandoned to sin, be made useful, and even exemplary in my generation.

20. Make me to forsake iniquity: and teach me, O Lord of all, to adore Thy Holy Name.

21. May the praises of God be in my mouth: and may I even lead others to lift up their souls unto The Most High.

22. May I attain unto an habit of true devotion, on earth; and finally be permitted to worship with the Host of Heaven.

23. O Lord, my Maker, pardon my presumptuous hopes: and let not that

which should be for my welfare, be
unto me an occasion of falling.

HYMN V.

IT is good for me that I have been afflicted, and chastened by the hand of the Lord.

2. It is good for me that I have known sickness, and have been made to consider my latter end.

3. Oh how gracious and merciful art Thou, O Lord; Thou makest all things to work for good.

4. Alas! I have sinned, and transgressed against Thee: I have gone astray, like a sheep that is lost.

5. The inconstancy of my heart

hath prevailed against me; and I have turned again, as a fool to my folly.

6. I have deserved to perish, and to be cast into hell: I have added sin to sin.

7. Vanity and pride have prevailed in my heart, and a desire to follow after vain things.

8. Lord, what am I, that my life is spared; and that I am not cut off from the land of the living?

9. I have walked in the midst of the arrows of death: I have beheld the good falling into the grave.

10. Even my bosom friends, and those who were dear unto me.

11. I have beheld the companions of my youth falling: and they have quickly been carried to the grave.

12. Yet my life hath been spared :
and I still live to praise God.

13. Have I improved this mercy
aright? have I given glory to my
Maker?

14. Have I done good on earth;
and fulfilled His righteous will?

15. O Lord, I confess mine ini-
quity; and humble myself before Thee.

16. I have been unprofitable amongst
Thy works: I have disobeyed Thy
will.

17. But Thou hast in mercy chast-
ened me; wherefore I will give thanks
unto Thee.

18. O accept my imperfect repent-
ance; and let my purposes of amend-
ment find favour in Thy sight.

19. For the good of Thy creatures

are all Thy most righteous commandments.

20. I have sinned against my own soul, when I have done evil in Thy sight.

21. But O let it please The Lord to forgive my sin; and in mercy to hear me.

22. Let the things which I have purposed to do well, be performed, O my God, by Thy help.

23. O spare my life; and make me to do good; and guide me, by Thy Holy Spirit, that I may perform Thy will.

24. Let my sins be blotted out, for the sake of Christ our Saviour; and make me henceforth to become exemplary amongst Thy servants.

25. My soul shall truly praise Thee,

O Lord; my heart shall give thanks unto Thee.

26. For Thou art good, and hast pity on Thy creatures; and makest all things to work for good.

27. I have been in sickness; but it was the hand of the Lord; and I will praise Him for His goodness and mercy unto me.

HYMN VI.

I SAID I would walk uprightly in the Sight of God, and keep His most Righteous Commandments.

2. I said, I would set my heart to do good, and eschew all manner of evil.

3. And it was for a time my delight to walk uprightly: and I rejoiced in the Hope of the Favour of God.

4. But the deceitfulness of my heart hath cast me down; and mine inconstancy hath overthrown me.

5. When I thought, surely it is well with me; and I shall not greatly fall;

6. My folly is utterly passed away; and the remembrance thereof shall be wiped out for ever:

7. Even then the perverseness of my heart did suddenly lead me aside; and I still remained enslaved by sin.

8. O Righteous Lord, I have transgressed against Thee: and sinned against my own soul.

9. I have provoked thee to anger: Indignation and wrath may justly be my portion.

10. But O let it not increase my guilt, that I still lift up my soul unto

Thee! Let it not be presumptuous folly,
that still I would pray for mercy!

11. O Lord, Thou Searcher of hearts,
Remember, of Thy tender compassion,
the prayers that I have made unto
Thee.

12. Alas! through perverse trans-
gressions, I may seem as an hypocrite.
But Oh forsake me not; Cause the good
desires of my soul to prevail, at length,
over evil.

13. Let me not be as one cruci-
fying the Lord of Life afresh; but may
I, through Him, obtain pardon, and
mercy.

14. And make my repentance to be
sincere; O make me even an instru-
ment of good in Thy hands.

15. Thou, Lord, canst do all things:
Help me to devote the being Thou
hast given me to Thy service.

16. And let not my prayer and
hope increase my guilt: but make me
to return unto the right way; and, for
the sake of my Lord and Redeemer,
have mercy on me.

HYMN VII.

BEHOLD, O Lord, I am but dust and
ashes: my strength is as nothing; and
my thoughts and purposes but vain.

2. All my days, before Thee, are as
a moment of time: even to my own
soul, as a flitting dream, which quickly
passeth away.

3. How shall I stand in the Day of

Judgment? How shall I appear before the Throne of God; in the Presence of the Host of Heaven?

4. I said I would do good; but I did it not: I said I would forsake all sin; yet, alas! I transgressed.

5. Help *Thou* me, O my God, and deliver my soul: let me not become a reproach: let not mine enemies triumph over me:

6. For though I am weak, and foolish in heart, yet Thou, O Lord, art all Powerful, and Good.

7. O let mine iniquity be pardoned, for His sake, who died, and rose again: let me be cleansed from my wickedness and guilt, through Him Who hath Redeemed the world.

8. Let my prayer be heard, through the intercession of The Great Mediator:

and let me be strengthened, by the Ever-living Spirit, to Thy Glory.

9. Let my ways be upright; and my works the works of mercy; that in me, *even in me*, O Lord, Thou mayest be glorified.

10. Then shall I have hope in my latter end: and, in the World to come, shall stand forth to praise God.

11. O my God, Thou hast heaped blessings upon me; therefore will I love Thee. In the day of distress Thou hast delivered me; therefore will I give Thanks unto Thee.

12. I have deserved a bitter portion; but have received comfort: and, by the forbearance of my God, I still live to praise Him.

13. O that my repentance may be sincere; and that, even unto the end of my days, I may glorify God, by faithful obedience.

HYMN VIII.

WHEREFORE should my soul be disquieted, and cast down? wherefore should it be so desolate, and afflicted?

2. Is there not Mercy with God? will not the Lord have pity on those that call upon Him?

3. Yea, as a Father pitieth his own children, even so is the Lord compassionate towards those that fear Him.

4. For He knoweth whereof we

Ver. 1. Psalm xliii. 5, 6.

Ver. 3. Psalm ciii. 13.

are made; He remembereth that we are but dust.

5. Look upon the days of old, and the times that are past:

6. To whom hath the Lord shewn mercy? and whom hath He called His people?

7. Even those who were frail, and sinful: even towards such hath His hand been stretched out, to help them.

8. And now hath He appointed a Ransom for the Souls of men: even unto *sinner*s are opened the gates of Salvation, through the blood of His Dear Son.

Ver. 4. Psalm ciii. 14.

Ver. 6. Numbers xiv. 18, 19. Deuteronomy ix. Nehemiah ix. 19, 31.

Ver. 7. Isaiah i. 18. Wisdom xi. 23, 25, 26.

Ver. 8. Matthew xx. 28. 1 Timothy ii. 6. Matthew ix. 13. Luke v. 32.

9. Those who have turned unto Righteousness, have a sure hope; and they who strive to become pure, and undefiled, shall be made perfect in their latter end.

10. For even unto sinners, saith my God, through faith, your souls shall live: Repent, and amend your doings; and ye also shall have peace in The Last Day.

11. O Lord God, how good art Thou! who can comprehend Thy loving kindness, and mercy?

12. Oh that we were wise to consider it! and our hearts truly humble, to acknowledge it!

13. If God should arise in anger,

Ver. 9. Matthew v. 6; vii. 7; xii. 20.

Ver. 10. Luke xxiv. 47. John v. 24; xi. 25.
Ezekiel xxxiii. 14, 15, 16, 19.

and suffer His Displeasure to be kindled
against the sons of men;

14. If He should shake terribly the
Earth; and destroy His creatures, who
abuse His Goodness;

15. Who forget God their Maker;
and Him Who daily upholdeth their
life;

16. By Whose bounty they are fed;
and who hath heaped blessings upon
them;

17. Would not justice reign?—Lord,
forgive the coldness of heart, where-
with, whilst we be spared, We give
thanks unto Thee.

18. Though my spirit is weak; yet
let my desire find favour in Thy sight.

19. Let a sense of Thy forbearance

Ver. 13. Joel ii. 11, 31.

Ver. 14. Haggai ii. 6.

and mercy, make me to love Thee;
and to become obedient to Thy word.

20. O Lord, I confess my sin; and
humble myself before Thee.

21. My Transgressions have been
repeated; and I am utterly vile in my
own sight.

22. But O let my soul be healed;
and may I yet, even yet, learn obe-
dience to Thy word!

23. Quicken me by Thy Holy Spi-
rit; and let me not be cast away from
Thy Presence.

24. Let not my heart be hardened,
and insensible: let not my humiliation
be transient, as the Morning Dew.

25. But O work in my soul that

Ver. 19. Romans ii. 4.

Ver. 23. Psalm li. 11.

Ver. 24. Hosea vi. 4.

true repentance, that may bring forth fruit unto Life Eternal.

26. Lord, I will humbly hope, because of Thy mercy : I will yet seek to Rejoice before Thee.

HYMN IX.

FORSAKE me not, O Lord my Creator, neither give me over unto a reprobate mind.

2. O let not Thine indignation rise against me ; lest I be consumed in a moment, and perish everlastingly.

3. Alas, O Lord God, whilst I receive Mercy, I tremble before Thee ; how then should I endure Thine Anger and Displeasure ?

4. I confess my vileness, and abhor

my weakness: Thou knowest how foolish and frail I am.

5. If thou vouchsafest to regard me; I fear, because of mine iniquity: yet if Thou shouldest be unmindful of me, I should quickly cease to exist.

6. O that my soul might live before Thee! and that I might obtain the peace which the righteous have!

7. O Holy Lord, I am unworthy; but there is mercy with Thee, and therefore I will not despair.

HYMN X.

O LET not my Soul forget The Lord,
who hath done so great things for me.

2. I will offer the Sacrifice of

Thanksgiving; and sing praises, with my whole heart.

3. Yea, though he should afflict my soul, and bring it low, yet would I give thanks unto Him: and, in the midst of pain, and trouble, adore His Holy Name.

4. O Lord, I have deserved misery; I have deserved no blessing at Thy hands;

5. Yet thou hast blessed me; and bestowed good things upon me.

6. Thou hast upheld my life, from the destruction that was ready to overwhelm me: Thou hast averted the evil, that was ready to fall upon me.

7. Thou hast given me plenty of the good things of Life; the means of knowledge; and the consolation of friends.

8. From day to day my life hath been upheld: when I expected sorrow, I have received comfort.

9. Yet, O my God, how have I returned thanks unto Thee? how have I acknowledged Thy goodness?

10. With feeble and backward lips have I adored Thee, and with an heart still prone to evil.

11. And, in the hour of temptation, I have turned aside, forgetting my Creator and Benefactor.

12. O forgive the folly and perverseness of my heart: and let my contrition, and repentance, be accepted, through the Mediation of the Redeemer.

13. Let the Thanksgivings, O Most Highest, of Thy servant come before thee: and let my soul live to praise Thee.

14. Alas, O Lord! what am I, that I have not been cut off, in the midst of my sins?

15. Whence is this goodness unto me; that whilst many around me are carried to the grave, I still am spared, and live to praise God?

16. I have indeed received abundant mercy; and a blessing, which I have not deserved.

17. Therefore will I still hope on God: not presumptuously; but because His Goodness and Power are infinite.

18. In the Name of The Redeemer will I lift up my soul, unto The Lord Almighty, Who liveth for ever.

19. O my Creator, if it may please Thee, let my life be spared; and prolong my days, to the fulfilling the purposes of mine heart for good.

20. Preserve me from evil and sin; and may disease and sickness be removed from me.

21. Give me a spirit of industry, to discharge the duties of my station: and grant success to my labours, that I may become wise.

22. Prosper Thou the works of my hand upon me; O prosper Thou my daily work.

23. Thou, O Lord, art able to do all things; and there is nothing that can resist Thy Will.

24. On Thee alone, O my God, is my trust; and not on man; or on mine own strength.

25. Thou raisest the humble from

Ver. 22. Psalm xc. 17.

Ver. 25. Luke i. 51.

the dust; and confoundest the imaginations of the proud.

26. Convert my soul from sin, to the fear of thee: and make me to be exemplary, and useful upon earth.

27. Let me live the life of the righteous, that my last end may be like his.

28. O Lord most Holy, let my prayer be accepted, for Christ his sake: and let it not be vain, and presumptuous.

29. Let the words of my mouth, and the thoughts of my heart, be accepted, through the Mediation of my Lord and Redeemer.

HYMN XI.

O THAT I were wise to understand!
that I might consider my latter end!

2. I will look upon the years that
are gone; and grieve, for that I have
walked vainly therein.

3. Alas! my days are as nothing;
and my past life, as a tale that is told.

4. O that I had laid hold on in-
struction! and numbered my days by
increase of wisdom!

5. I will say unto the worm, thou
art my brother: and to the dust of the
earth, thou art my sister, and mother.

6. For out of the dust was I taken;
and unto the dust shall I return.

Ver. 5. Job xvii. 14.

Ver. 6. Genesis iii. 19.

7. I brought nothing with me into this world; neither shall I carry any thing out of it again.

8. But I shall return naked to the grave: and my dwelling shall be in silence; in the bowels of the earth;

9. Where neither the eye seeth; neither doth the ear hear; neither do the lips praise God.

10. Thus shall my body perish; and be consumed, because of sin.

11. Riches, Honours, and Pleasures, profit not: neither will they abide at the latter end.

12. But wisdom shall remain for ever: and the soul, that receiveth instruction, shall ascend on high.

Ver. 7. 1 Timothy vi. 7.

Ver. 9. Psalm cxv. 17.

Ver. 12. Wisdom vii. 27.

13. Knowledge shall increase for ever: and the seed sown on earth shall bring forth an hundred fold.

14. The Soul that feareth God shall never die; but shall ascend into the mansions of Everlasting Bliss:

15. Where the Redeemed of God shall praise Him; and shall live for ever and ever.

16. Christ their Saviour also shall lead them, and guide them; and be their Eternal Shepherd.

17. He shall raise His servants from the grave: and drive away the shadow of death.

18. In glory shall His Throne be

Ver. 14. John xi. 25, 26; xvii. 20, 24.

Ver. 16. Ezekiel xxxiv. 23. Isaiah xl. 11. Hebrews xiii. 20. 1 Peter ii. 25; v. 4.

Ver. 17. John v. 28, 29.

established: and the Sun, in comparison of Him, shall lose its brightness.

19. Lo, He humbled Himself, even unto death, and He is exalted High, above all.

20. Thousands of Saints shall minister unto Him; and with shouting and great joy shall they behold Him, when he cometh to Restore all things.

21. At the sound of His voice, the earth shall tremble, and yield up the dead, that are therein.

22. The sea, also, shall roar, and boil like a cauldron; the mountains also

Ver. 18. Revelations xxi. 23.

Ver. 19. Philippians ii. 8, 9, 10. Hebrews xii. 2.

Ver. 20. 1 Thessalonians ii. 19; iii. 13; iv. 13,

14. 2 Thessalonians i. 7, 10. Jude 14.

shall be shaken; and the earth shall smok, and burn with fire.

23. Terrible shall be that day unto the wicked; and to all such as fear not God.

24. But the righteous shall rejoice, and lift up their heads; for their redemption draweth nigh.

25. O that I might be found amongst the servants of God! that I might have hope in that day!

26. Lord, teach me to improve aright the years Thou addest unto me; if I may yet live: and turn away my soul from vanity, and folly.

27. I will humble myself before

Ver. 22. 2 Peter iii. 10. Revelations xx. 13.

Ver. 23. Malachi iv. 1. 1 Peter iv. 18.

Ver. 24. Malachi iv. 2, 3. Luke xxi. 28. Wisdom iii. 7, 8.

Thee, O God most High. Make me to receive instruction, and to be occupied in doing good.

HYMN XII.

O LORD, most Holy, Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity;

2. Dreadful in Majesty; and dwelling in the pure light, which Angels with awful trembling behold.

3. How then should I presume to look up unto Thee? or how can I make my prayer before God?

4. Alas! at my best estate, I am but as the dust of the earth; frail also, and imperfect in all my ways.

5. How then should I worship the Lord most Holy, when moreover my doings have been perverse; and I am very sinful?

6. O Great and Glorious God, Tremendous in Majesty, should I presume, *of myself*, to come before Thee?

7. Thy tender Compassion hath appointed a *Mediator* for man: in His Holy name I would humbly pray.

8. Through his mediation, I would offer up Thanksgivings, and adore Thy Holy Name.

9. How great is Thy goodness, O Lord God! when those whom Thou hast created have forsaken Thee, Thou dost not readily forsake them:

10. But still recallest them; and hast patience with them; that they may turn unto Thee again.

11. Turn then again unto The Lord,
O my Soul; and with trembling hope
look up unto Him.

12. O Lord, how great is Thy
mercy! when we are vile, and defiled
with sin, Thou yet permittest us to
pray unto Thee!

13. Thou dost not destroy us be-
cause of transgressions; but inclinest
Thine ear to our frail petitions.

14. Thou quickenest the *least* de-
sires for good; and helpest us by Thy
Holy Spirit.

15. What reward can I give unto
the Lord, for all the good He hath
done unto my soul?

16. Alas! my thanksgivings and
adorations are not worthy to appear
before Him: neither can my love, or
obedience, profit. The most High.

17. That which God hath commanded us, in order to obtain His Favour, is only that we should seek our own good.

18. The Lord hath truly required *nothing* at our hands; nor can we return aught unto Him:

19. For to keep His commandments, is but to promote our own happiness: to love and fear Him is but to increase our joy of heart.

20. O love The Lord, ye servants of His, lift up your voices to Praise His Holy Name.

21. O draw nigh unto Him; and receive the good, which He so freely offereth unto the Souls He hath made.

22. He freely giveth with infinite Compassion; O reject not His tender Kindness and Mercies.

23. O my God, Thou hast created my spirit, that it might rejoice, and live before Thee.

24. Thou hast often delivered me from the grave, and not suffered me to perish in my sin.

25. O let not hardness, or levity of heart destroy me: let not vanity, or folly, draw aside my soul.

26. But may I daily, with purer and more fervent love, draw nearer to Thee; for Thou art The fountain of all good.

27. May my heart truly rejoice before Thee: and may I love and magnify Thee, with all my might.

28. May I manifest my love also by keeping Thy commandments, and by doing good to my fellow-creatures.

29. O pardon our unworthiness, for

Christ His sake, and accept, O God,
our hymns of praise.

30. May we be justified, pardoned,
and sanctified, through Him Who be-
came a sacrifice for sin.

31. And after we have finished our
course on earth, may we through Him
be raised from death, to live before
Thee.

HYMN XIII.

O THAT I might attain unto Righte-
ousness! that I might learn to keep
the Commandments of God!

2. That I might be found amongst
them that forsake all sin, and fear The
Lord Most High!

3. O that I might be continually
occupied in doing good! and be found

a faithful steward of the talents where-
with God hath intrusted me !

4. That I might improve all, to His
glory ; and to the benefit of my fellow-
creatures !

5. I know that, were I perfect, I
should have nothing whereof to boast
myself ; and should be but an unpro-
fitable servant.

6. I know, moreover, that I am too
frail of myself to do good ; and un-
worthy to be an instrument thereof to
the souls of men.

7. But thou, O Lord, withholdest
not Thine help from any : Thy mercy,
and compassion, are extended unto all.

8. Therefore will I hope, that my
desire, and prayer, shall not be in vain.

9. Surely the doing good, is the
greatest blessing to the doer.

10. The power to perform it, is the gift of God; and the performance thereof no merit that can claim reward.

11. It should excite thanksgiving; and cause us the more to humble ourselves before The Most High.

12. How gracious is the Lord our God! Who promiseth great reward, if we will but hearken, to do that which is itself delight unto the Soul.

13. My God, raise me up from sin and folly; strengthen me by the assistance of Thy Holy Spirit.

14. Make my life to be sincere; that even in my failings, O Lord, Thou mayest be glorified.

15. O increase and confirm the desires of my heart for good: and do Thou help me, that I may perform them.

16. Preserve me from being ensnared by the delusions of the world; or by the levity of mine own heart.

17. Help me to watch carefully; deliver me from temptation; and make me daily to increase in faithfulness.

18. Then shall I give praise unto Thee, O Lord, in my latter end; and rejoice, because of Thy Power.

19. Through Christ my Saviour alone I hope for Pardon and Mercy: through Him also I hope for power to do good.

20. O let not that hope and faith be vain. Thou, Lord God, helpest all those that call upon Thee.

HYMN XIV.

O LORD, Thou knowest the trouble of my soul: preserve me stedfast, that I may do Thy will.

2. Behold, I am in the midst of temptation; do Thou strengthen me, that I fall not into sin.

3. I will seek Thy favour, O my God: I will not seek the praise of men; lest I be ensnared, and led aside unto evil.

4. I would obtain the good-will of those around me: but Oh let not a weak compliance destroy me.

5. Let not those who are my friends,

and wish my prosperity, draw aside my soul from my purposes for good.

6. Guard me against those hidden snares, which the kindness of friends oft spreadeth for the soul.

7. Let not the mistaken opinions of any turn me aside; nor a desire to be approved betray me.

8. I am indeed continually prone unto error; therefore I would not prefer mine own judgment.

9. I would not vainly oppose the thoughts of my own heart to those of others; nor vainly condemn them.

10. But whereinsoever I may fully perceive that which is right, O strengthen me, that I may adhere steadfastly unto it.

11. Alas, O Lord, my soul is dis-

quieted ; lest I be deluded, and turned aside from good.

12. O root that vanity out of my heart, which is the source of all evil.

13. Help me, that I perish not: my trust is on Thee, Most Mighty ; and Thou art faithful and good.

14. I believe Thy Holy Word: O make me a faithful disciple of Jesus my Saviour.

15. For His sake hear my prayer ; and let the desires of my soul ascend unto Thee.

16. O Lord, deliver me from vain disquietudes : and enable me in peace to possess my soul.

17. Let not my heart be changed from good : but may that which I have fervently purposed, be effectually performed.

HYMN XV.

WHEREFORE art thou so disquieted and cast down, O my soul? and why dost thou faint in this state of trial?

2. Shall we receive good at the hand of God; and shall we not receive evil?

3. Yea, The Lord is very merciful: He bestoweth abundant good things; and will not suffer us to be tempted beyond that we are able.

4. The blessings He giveth are innumerable: and the evils that befall us, few in comparison thereof.

5. Whereas we deserve no good:

Ver. 2. Job ii. 10.

Ver. 3. 1 Corinthians x. 13.

and our iniquities justly merit indignation, and wrath.

6. It is of His great forbearance and goodness, that He spareth us: shall we then murmur, because all evil is not removed?

7. He leadeth us unto repentance; and trieth our souls; yea even as silver is tried.

8. O my God, I confess my sin; and humble myself before Thee.

9. I have murmured, and have been rebellious in my heart; I have complained with anguish of spirit.

10. But O accept the return of my soul; and my desire to be submitted to Thy Will.

11. Oh keep me from the evil that

I am not able to bear; that I perish not through temptation.

12. I know, O Lord, that Thou art good: I have experienced Thy mercy; and my whole trust and hope is on Thee.

13. O my God, I know not what is fit or expedient for me; therefore *Thy* will be done.

14. Appoint for me whatever Thy wisdom seest to be best; and make me to improve aright Thy gracious appointment.

15. Teach me in whatsoever station I am, therewith to be content, and to improve all to Thy glory.

16. Convert my soul from sin, unto

Ver. 15. Philippians iv. 11. Hebrews xiii. 5.

Ver. 17. Psalm cii. 2.

righteousness and goodness; and lead me, by Thy help, unto Salvation.

17. Thou, O Heavenly Father, hast created me; Thou only art able to convert me: Oh save my soul, and hear me in the day of trouble.

HYMN XVI.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord of Heaven; worship Him; and with humble reverence adore His Holy Name.

2. O my soul, lift up thyself unto Him; and offer the sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving.

3. Behold, O Lord, all that I possess is Thine; for Thy bounteous hand has bestowed all.

4. My life, and the faculties of

my mind; my body, and the senses thereof.

5. Thou hast formed me of the dust of the earth: Thou also hast made me a living spirit, that I might contemplate Thy works.

6. Thou fillest my mind with a desire of Knowledge; and teachest it to thirst after Truth.

7. Thou hast placed me in a station, where I may improve my mind: and givest me the means of obtaining wisdom.

8. By the labours of wise men am I instructed: but their knowledge, and the success of their endeavours, was of Thee, O Lord.

9. Thou, O Father, causest corn

and wine to burst forth from the earth;
and createst all the food wherewith I
am nourished.

10. The leafless and dry Tree doth
blossom, and bear fruit, at the ap-
pointed season: the springs and foun-
tains of water arise out of the hard
Rock.

11. Knowledge descendeth from
Heaven, to the benighted Soul: and
comfort springeth up, amidst the woes
of life.

12. Thou givest me plenty of good
things: and preservest me, day by day,
to enjoy them.

13. O Lord, all that is in heaven
and in earth is Thine; and whatsoever
we have, we have received of Thee:

14. For of Thee, and through Thee,
and to Thee, O most Mighty, are all

things: and Thou, of Thy Goodness, upholdest all.

15. Unto Thee, O my God, would I offer up my soul: O teach me, by improving all to Thy Glory, to make an acceptable sacrifice unto Thee.

HYMN XVII.

LORD, remember me in all my troubles, and in mercy look upon me:

2. For bitter distress has fallen upon me; and I am worn away by my complaining.

3. Where I looked for comfort, I have found sorrow; and evil hath multiplied on my head daily.

4. Surely I have known affliction,

and borne adversity: and when men thought it was well with me, my heart was pined with anguish and grief.

5. When I purposed to do good; the power was withheld; and the desires of my heart have proved vain.

6. Yet wherefore should my soul complain? I will not charge my God foolishly.

7. I will adore His Holy Name; and humble myself before Him.

8. O Lord God, Thou art very good; and bestowest upon me blessings that I have not deserved.

9. Thou hast created me: Thou hast given me all that I enjoy; and daily upholdest me by Thy power.

10. Shall the creature say unto The

Creator, Why am I thus? Is it not in God to dispense His blessings according to His Will?

11. Surely then, were I innocent and upright, yet Thou mightest justly mix evil in my portion, as it pleased Thee.

12. But I am wicked and sinful: and, by perverse transgressions, have provoked Thee, O Lord, to anger.

13. Wherefore then should I complain because of my sorrows; because of the just punishment of my sins?

14. I will confess mine iniquities: and search my heart; and turn unto Thee, my God, with humble contrition.

15. O save me from eternal pain; and from the destruction that cometh upon the wicked.

Ver. 13. Lamentations iii. 39. Micah vii. 9.

16. So shall my soul bless Thee,
because of Thy merciful correction,
and for ever give thanks unto Thee.

17. Forgive, O Lord, the complaints
of my heart: Thou knowest what is
fittest for me. Thy Will be done.

18. O accept my purposes for good:
and, if it may be, enable me *yet* to per-
form them.

19. Make me stedfast to do the
thing that is right: and keep my soul,
that I be not ensnared by vain ima-
ginations.

20. O my God, if I may yet live,
and see good days, teach me to improve
them to Thy glory!

21. Behold I have been brought
down to the borders of the grave: I
have also been surrounded with dis-
tress and anguish:

22. Yet Thou hast delivered me: I will still therefore hope on Thy Mercy.

HYMN XVIII.

TEACH me to sanctify Thee, O my God, in my heart: and spiritually to give Thanks unto Thee.

2. Teach me to love Thee, O Lord, with all my soul: and with joy to magnify Thy Holy Name.

3. For Thou dost deliver the soul from death, the eyes from tears, and the feet from falling.

4. O Father of Heaven, Creator and Lord of all things, to Thee be Glory, and unfeigned Adoration.

5. Accept it through the Mediation of The Great Intercessor, Who maketh the thoughts of our hearts to find favour before Thee.

6. Deeply will I humble my soul; for, alas, I am as nothing in Thy sight, and vile.

7. But from *all* be Praise, and Glory, and Honour, unto Thee, Lord God Almighty; Who Livest for Ever.

PART THE THIRD.

HYMN I.

DELIVER me, O Lord, from the Captivity of sin: and let my soul live before Thee, in Thine Everlasting Kingdom:

2. Alas! how wretched is man, through the perverseness of his heart! and how are the Blessings of The Almighty perverted, through his folly!

3. Kings reign; and seek not their greatness in the prosperity of their subjects; but enrich themselves by tyranny, and oppression.

4. And the People, to whom God

hath given good Rulers, refuse to obey. Every one saith, I am able to rule: and, by their folly, they draw down calamities on their own heads.

5. The Nations despise benevolence, and peace, which would make them great: and with fury seek for honour, in each other's destruction.

6. They despise labour, and industry, which would procure riches, and glory: and pant after wealth *unjustly* acquired, which will not abide with them.

7. Their treasure and blood are poured forth, to destroy their neighbours; and to rob them of their possessions; which, when acquired, profit not.

8. This God permitteth, as a pu-

nishment for sin; and as a just reward for man's folly.

9. And, in His Indignation and Wrath, He raiseth up mighty conquerors: and Biddeth them lay waste the kingdoms, which have abused His blessings:

10. Where vice reigneth, instead of the Fear of God: and idleness, and foolish vanities; instead of diligence, and the improvement of the mind.

11. He maketh also Oppressors a Scourge unto their own souls: and letteth them perish, in the very destruction they have brought upon others.

12. Thus the perverseness of men's own hearts, becomes the scourge of their folly: and by the very things

Ver. 9. Isaiah xxxvii. 26, 27. Jeremiah xxvii. 6, 7, 8.

wherein they offend, they are also punished.

13. But assuredly it shall not *always* be thus: The Lord will prepare a Kingdom for the righteous:

14. Where the knowledge and fear of God shall make His People great: and where the faculties of the soul rightly exercised, shall cause them to Rejoice in the acquisition of true wisdom.

15. Where benevolence, and kind affections, shall produce universal Happiness: and where the Servants of the Lord shall seek and enjoy Glory, in promoting each other's welfare.

16. Where every ingenious thought

Ver. 12. Wisdom xi. 16.

Ver. 13. John xiv. 2.

Ver. 15. Luke xv. 7. 10.

of the heart shall render the Creation of God more beautiful: and where, by a diligent employment of the faculties He giveth, His creatures shall receive Eternal Pleasure.

17. Where all shall be obedient to the Powers ordained: and where those who shall Rule, shall seek only to promote Universal Good.

18. Where shall be Happy Converse, with the Spirits of just men made perfect: and where the humble soul shall be admitted to the society of the wisest Beings.

19. Where the Everlasting God shall be worshipped, in perfect Holiness: and where the Soul shall be ra-

Ver. 17. Romans xiii. 1. Matthew xx. 26 to 29. Luke xxii. 26. 29.

Ver. 18. Hebrews xii. 22, 23.

vished, with the Contemplation of His Divine Perfections.

20. But, O Lord, who shall inhabit in This Kingdom? Who shall be made partakers of this Everlasting Joy?

21. The wicked, and unclean, shall not enter there: but those that obey Thy will on Earth.

22. Those that continue in their perverseness, and folly of heart, can never inherit the Blessings of Eternal Life.

23. Their own folly is the very scourge of their sin: and the evil thoughts of their hearts, are ever the flame that torments them.

24. O Lord, have mercy upon me,

Ver. 19. 1 Corinthians ii. 9.

Ver. 20. Psalm xxiv. 3.

I pray thee: and redeem me from my wretched state.

25. Grant me true repentance, that my heart may be purified: and overcome the perverse and evil inclinations thereof.

26. Let my soul be sanctified, by thy Holy Spirit: and let my sins be forgiven, through the Satisfaction of Jesus my Saviour.

27. And O let me, *even me*, enter finally into Thine everlasting kingdom: and let my soul taste the joys it longeth after.

28. Let me, on earth, be exercised in striving to do Thy will: and when I depart hence,—O Lord, receive my spirit.

HYMN II.

O LORD, deliver me in the day of thy Wrath; and save me from the destruction that cometh upon the wicked.

2. For, lo, I do know that Thy Judgments are sure; and that no Word of God shall fail.

3. Hath the Lord spoken; and shall it not be performed? hath he threatened evil to sinners; and shall it not fall upon them?

4. The Most High hath created all things for *good*: and in due time His Work *shall* be brought to perfection.

Ver. 2. Matthew v. 18.

Ver. 3. Numbers xxiii. 19.

Ver. 4. Genesis i. 31. Revelations x. 7.

5. Unrighteousness, and sin, are but for a season; until the servants of The Lord are tried, and found faithful; and are convinced of the unprofitableness and folly of transgression.

6. For this cause, *peradventure*, the Lord permitteth evil; and suffereth many to transgress: but He calleth *all* unto repentance; and offereth Mercy unto all.

7. And those who will not be convinced, but persist obstinately in sin; must taste of the bitterness of the Wrath of God.

8. When, in His good time, He doth separate the righteous from the

Ver. 5. Matthew xiii. 30, 41.

Ver. 6. 2 Peter iii. 9.

Ver. 7. Romans i. 18. Ephesians v. 6. Revelations xiv. 10.

wicked; then shall a dreadful destruction overwhelm them.

9. The heavens, and the earth, shall pass away: and God shall again renew all things: and *then* shall His Work be perfected.

10. Then shall wisdom and righteousness abound. Then shall the Kingdom of God truly come: and the Glory of the Most High be revealed.

11. But alas! how shall we that have sinned enter therein! how shall those that have fallen in the day of trial, obtain mercy?

12. Even through the Son of The Most High God; if we repent, and believe in His Name.

Ver. 8. Matthew xiii. 41, 42, 49, 50.

Ver. 9. 2 Pet. iii. 10, 13. Revelations xxi. 1.

Ver. 12. Luke xxiv. 47. John iii. 15; xi. 25, 26. Acts iii. 19.

13. When the Lord delivered Israel from the Bondage in Egypt, and slew all the first-born of the children of Ham;

14. He sprinkled His Servants with the Blood of the Paschal Lamb that was slain; and appointed this as a Token and Memorial *for ever*.

15. Even so, Lord, redeem my soul: and let me escape from the fury of the destroying Angel.

16. Let me be found sprinkled with the Blood of Christ, through faith; Who was the very Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

17. And when the *Great Deliver-*

Ver. 14. Exodus xii. 14.

Ver. 15. Exodus xii. 13. Hebrews xi. 28.

Ver. 16. 1 Corinthians v. 7. Hebrews x. 10.

1 Peter i. 19. Revelations v. 6. 9. 12.

ance of Thy Servants is accomplished, whereof the wonders in Egypt were a sign, may I be found amongst them, to glorify Thy Holy Name!

HYMN III.

O LORD, Who shall worthily Praise Thee, Most High, or Magnify Thy Holy Name?

2. Behold, my soul hath desired to do so; but I cannot attain unto it.

3. How shall I come before The Lord? or appear before The Most High God?

4. Shall I say unto The Lord, Thou art Great, Wonderful, and Holy: I will

Ver. 17. Luke xxii. 15, 16.

Ver. 1. Psalm cxvi. 4.

give great thanks and praise unto Thee!

5. Alas! these are but idle words: unless I know, and consider indeed, wherein God is Holy, and Good.

6. They are as a sacrifice of bulls, and goats: and not the spiritual sacrifice of a reasonable soul.

7. None can truly praise God, but such as do indeed comprehend his Goodness: and who, amongst the sons of men, is able to do this?

8. Yet, O Lord, my soul shall not despair; but shall strive to worship in spirit, and in truth.

9. Oh, let my imperfect prayers and adoration be accepted, through Him Who hath fulfilled all righteousness.

10. And now will I sing, unto The

Lord, a New Song: and praise His Faithfulness and Truth.

11. I will declare His Gracious Dealings with the sons of men; and the Hope that He hath set before us.

12. Before the foundations of the World were laid, or ever the breath of life was given unto man, The Lord appointed the Way of Salvation, and determined all things to work for good.

13. And albeit the perverseness of man's heart, in this state of Trial, causeth much evil: yet, even out of *evil*, hath The Lord brought forth that which is profitable to the sons of men.

Ver. 10. Ecclesiasticus xxxix. 14, 15. Isaiah xlii. 10, 11, 12.

Ver. 12. Matthew xxv. 34. Ephesians i. 4. 1 Peter i. 20. Revelations xvii. 8.

14. Let us consider the days that were of old; and the ages that are past: wherein mighty Conquerors were raised up, who spread desolation all around.

15. They subdued great Kingdoms; and oppressed the people: and bound their Princes in chains, and their Nobles in fetters of brass.

16. They caused every pleasant Land to flow with blood: and bitterly afflicted the fatherless, and the widow.

17. And it pleased God to permit their rage, for a season: and to try the purposes of their hearts.

18. And when *They* sought only to gratify their vain ambition; and proudly to rule over the earth; He rebuked them

Ver. 14. Isaiah xiii. 4; xxxvii. 26, 27.

Ver. 17. Jeremiah xxvii. 8.

in His anger, and turned them unto the dust, from whence they were taken.

19. He caused the purposes of their hearts to fail; and disappointed them, in that which they had proudly imagined.

20. But the purpose of God stood fast: and what they were permitted to do, was made subservient unto it.

21. By their conquests, a way was opened for the improvement of mankind: and the nations were recovered from savage barbarity.

22. The arts, and conveniencies of life, were rendered more common: and a way was prepared to diffuse knowledge, from pole to pole.

Ver. 18. Isaiah x. 7 to 16; xiv. 13 to 20.

Ver. 20. Isaiah xxxvii. 26. Acts iv. 28.

23. And when a fierce and rude people were permitted to bring destruction, on those who abused the advantages they enjoyed; they have themselves been subdued by knowledge; and enlightened.

24. Thus, even amidst the rage and fury of mighty Conquerors, hath the Power and Goodness of God been made manifest: wonderously hath it appeared also, amidst all Changes on the face of the Earth.

25. Mighty Nations have arisen, and flourished: and again have been brought to desolation.

26. They have been removed out of their place, and done away, because of their transgressions; and their glory hath been given unto other people.

27. But hereby, also, the Comforts

of Life have been spread more far and wide: and the Inhabitants of the remoter parts of the Earth, have been called to partake of greater blessings.

28. Those who lived in ignorance, and thick darkness, have been enlightened: and the barbarians, who had their dwelling with the wild beasts of the forest, have become the teachers of useful arts.

29. How did science rear her head in Egypt! and how mighty were the Children of Ham!

30. But, behold, their Wisdom is no more: and a thick cloud hath covered them.

31. The Wisdom of the East, also, is no more: and their wise men are forgotten. How is the glory of Ba-

bylon fallen; and the knowledge of its Princes buried in its ruins!

32. In Greece, and in the Isles, was much Learning: and their Teachers sought wisdom, from the uttermost parts of the earth.

33. But darkness and oppression now cover the Land; and it profiteth not by their labours.

34. Then arose Rome in all its splendour: and became the Glory of the whole earth.

35. The Seat of Science;—The Mistress of the World;—The proud Scourge of Princes;—and the Enlightener of barbarous nations.

36. All These, in their days, came forth to Rule: and through their means Science darted its beams from the East unto the West.

37. And, behold, as it advanced it appeared more glorious; and mankind were enlightened more and more by its shining.

38. The removal of its Seat hath been profitable to the World: and thereby the influence of Wisdom hath been diffused far around.

39. Oh, compare *these* days, with those that are past: and consider how gracious God hath been.

40. Let not ignorance and folly cause us to admire the darkness of ancient times: but let us give glory to God, for the knowledge and arts that are *now* spread over the earth.

41. They shall increase more and more daily: and God shall be glorified therein.

42. They are, for a time, abused

through vice: but shall at length, per-adventure, be both known to *all*, and rightly improved.

43. And the Nations that sit in darkness, and are fallen from their first estate, shall, haply, again see light, when God restoreth His people.

44. Surely I do know, that God will fulfil all His Good Pleasure; and accomplish the work He hath begun.

45. *By the Revelation of His Word is True Wisdom spread over the earth: and the sons of men acquire Knowledge by the Light of His Gospel.*

46. Truly, Christ hath been a Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of the whole earth.

Ver. 43. Isaiah xix. 25; xlix. 8; liv. 3. Jeremiah xlviii. 47; xlix. 6. 39. Ezekiel xvi. 53 to 62.

Ver. 46. Isaiah xlii. 6; xlix. 6.

47. And though the perverseness of men's hearts hath abused this glorious blessing: yet how hath it insensibly prevailed!

48. Oh, let us think of the comfort and peace we now enjoy; and of the savage fury that heretofore raged in the world.

49. How is that fury abated; though it still in part prevails! Surely, also, peace shall at length have universal dominion.

50. The Word of God cannot fail. God will fulfil *all* that He hath spoken by his Servants the Prophets.

51. The Lord, in His good time, will make all wars to cease: and will

Ver. 49. Luke ii. 14.

Ver. 50. Isaiah xlix. 23. Zechariah viii. 9.
Amos iii. 8.

still all the rage, and madness of the people.

52. And though, for a time, superstition and blind zeal reign;—and, for a time, wandering error, and unbelief:

53. Yet, the Word of God is sure; and the Powers of Hell shall not prevail beyond their appointed season.

54. The Knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea.

55. Universal Benevolence shall abound: and the Nations shall seek each other's welfare; more than they have sought each other's destruction.

56. And God shall restore His

Ver. 51. Isaiah ii. 4. Micah iv. 3, 4.

Ver. 54. Isaiah xi. 9. Daniel xii. 4. Joel ii.

28. Habakkuk ii. 14. Hebrews viii. 11.

Ver. 55. Isaiah ii. 4.

People to their own Land: and their Rest shall be glorious: and all Nations shall rejoice in it.

57. The Land which is now oppressed; and lieth desolate, and barren; shall become fruitful: and its Beauty shall be the admiration of all men.

58. And it shall no longer be trodden down by the Gentiles: for the times of the Gentiles shall be fulfilled.

59. Blessed are those, who shall live, when these things be: *They* shall indeed give Glory to God, for His Faithfulness and Truth.

Ver. 56, 57. See the two long notes at the end of this Hymn, p. 169—178.

Ver. 58. Psalm lxxxvii. 2. Daniel xii. 7. Luke xxi. 24. Romans xi. 25.

Ver. 59. Psalm xxii. 32. Psalm cii. 18. Daniel xii. 12. Isaiah lxi. 11. Isaiah xlix. 23. Jeremiah xxx. 24. Hosea xiv. 9.

NOTE TO VERSE 56.

The following Passages of Scripture, contain very remarkable Declarations of the Great Blessings, designed by Divine Providence, to be bestowed on the Jewish Nation, after all their sufferings are ended; and when they shall be gathered from that great Dispersion, which was also most plainly foretold.—In these Passages of Holy Writ, we find it repeatedly proclaimed, that the Almighty will finally fulfil *all* His Promises to that unhappy people: They therefore deserve our most serious attention, on many accounts. It is probable indeed, that some few of the Prophecies here referred to did relate, *primarily*, to the first Restoration of the Jews, from their Captivity at Babylon; but there are many of them which could not possibly relate to that event; and all of them have plainly, a *secondary*, a further, and a much more important meaning.—On this occasion, therefore, we ought to remember, and to consider *well* the full force of those Words of our Blessed Saviour, in which he hath told us (Matt. v. 17, 18), “ Think “ not that I am come to destroy the law *or the* “ *prophets*: I am not come to destroy, but to

“ fulfil. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and
 “ earth pass, *one iota or one tittle* shall in no wise
 “ pass from the law, *till all be fulfilled.*”

Deuteronomy xxx. 1 to 11.	Ezekiel vi. 9, 10.
Isaiah. ii. 2 to 5.	xi. 16 to 20.
xi. 11, 12.	xx. 40 to 45.
xiv. 1, 2.	xxviii. 25, 26.
xxv. 6 to 9.	xxxiv. 12 to 16.
xliv. 5, 6.	23 to 28.
xliv. 26.	xxxv. 14.
xliv. 17.	xxxvi. 8 to 15.
xliv. 13 to 23.	21 to 25.
lii. 1 to 10.	28.
liv. 7 to 15.	34, 35.
lv. 5 to 8.	xxxvii. 12 to 14.
lx. 2 to 18.	21 to 28.
lxi. 4 to 9.	xxxix. 25 to 29.
lxii. 4.	Hosea i. 10, 11.
lxvi. 20.	iii. 4, 5.
Jeremiah . . . iii. 17.	vi. 1, 2, 3.
xvi. 14, 15.	viii. 10.
xxiii. 3 to 9.	Joel . . . iii. 1, 16, 17.
xxx. 18 to 24.	Amos ix. 14, 15.
xxxi. 8 to 14.	Micah iv. 1 to 5.
28 to 34.	iv. 7 to 8.
xlvi. 27, 28.	vii. 19, 20.

Zephaniah iii. 14 to 20.	Zechariah xiv. 11.
Zechariah ii. 10 to 13.	Tobit . . .xiv. 5, 6, 7.
viii. 2 to 15.	Baruch iv. 36, 37.
20, 22.	v. 3 to 9.
x. 8, 9.	Romans xi.
xii. 6 to 14.	2 Corinthians iii. 16.

NOTE TO VERSE 57.

It has been an objection erroneously urged against the Truth of Divine Writ, that the Land of Judea is therein represented as being so exceedingly fertile; whereas it is in reality *now* so barren. But those who advanced this objection, surely did not consider, that this very circumstance is one of the strongest proofs of the Veracity of God's Word; and a clear manifestation of the exact Completion of those wonderful Predictions of His Servants the Prophets, which were uttered so many ages ago.—And truly it may be added, that the persons who have thus endeavoured to overturn the authority of Holy Writ, seem not to have been much better acquainted either with Natural history, or Civil history, than they were with the Scriptures: for if they had, they might have found proof sufficient, that Judea, notwithstanding its present deplorable state of barrenness, not only was once capable of being as plentiful a Land, as it is said in the Bible to have

been ; but may, even by the common exertions of human industry, become most fertile again. The ignorance and indolence of the present inhabitants, and the slavish system of government which they groan under, together with the tyranny they help to maintain over others, is (to use the language of Scripture) the Desolation of the Gentiles, by whom Jerusalem is trodden down ; and which shall cause the land to lay waste, till *their times are fulfilled*, and their dominion ceases.

Let us only, with candour, attend to what several modern Travellers have observed ; and we shall soon perceive to what causes the present wretched appearance of the Holy Land is to be attributed.

Sandys (in his Travels, p. 183) speaking of the Mountains of Judæa, says, “ some of them are cut (or else are naturally so) in degrees like alleys, which would be else unaccessibly fruitless ; whose levels yet bear the stumps of decayed vines, shadowed not rarely with olives, and locust-trees ; and surely, I think, that all, or most of those mountains, have been so husbanded.”

Maundrel also, in his Travels, bears the like testimony :—Speaking of the naked mountains of Judea, he says (p. 65), “ It is obvious for any one to observe, that these rocks, and hills, must have been anciently covered with earth, and cultivated, and made to contribute to the maintenance of the inha-

bitants, no less than if the Country had been all plain; nay perhaps much more. For the husbanding of these mountains their manner was, to gather up the stones, and place them in several lines along the sides of the hills, in form of a wall. By such borders they supported the mould from tumbling, or being washed down, and formed many beds of excellent soil, rising gradually one above another, from the bottom to the top of the mountains. Of this form of culture you see evident footsteps wherever you go in all the mountains of Palestine." Thus the very Rocks were made fruitful; and than the plains nothing can be more so.

Dr. Shaw observes, in his Travels (p. 336), "that The Holy Land, were it *well* inhabited, and cultivated as formerly, would still be more fruitful than the very best part of the coast of Syria or Phœnice, for the soil itself is generally much richer." And he adds, "the barrenness, or scarcity rather, which some authors may either ignorantly or maliciously complain of, does not proceed from the incapacity, or natural unfruitfulness of the Country, but from the want of inhabitants, and from the great aversion likewise there is to labour and industry in those few who possess it."

Van Egmont, and Heyman also confirm the same idea; and tell us (V. I. p. 328), "they saw good barley, and grain, actually growing on the

summits of the mountains, and between the rocks, where any culture or tillage had been bestowed."

And Hasselquist says (p. 127) concerning this Country, "The Vales, like the Hills, are not fruitful, but deserted and uncultivated, being full of pebbles, and without vegetables; nevertheless, the earth consists of a good red mould, and would amply reward the husbandman's toil."

To which I will add only one testimony more, that of Mr. Burnaby, who, in his Travels in America (p. 58) speaking of the nature of some parts of the soil of that Country (and comparing it with the Soil of Judæa) says, "he was assured by Wortley Montague, that the soil of Palæstine *appeared* to be a red slaty substance, sterile, and incapable of producing any thing worth cultivation; but that being broken up, and exposed to the air, it became exceedingly mellow, and was fertile in the highest degree."

Nor is this sort of Cultivation here spoken of at all unusual; for Heyman says (in his Travels, p. 261), "that in the island of Scio the Hills and Vallies are covered with vineyards, and gardens, which exhibit a sufficient proof of the happiness resulting from human industry, under a rational liberty; having here turned rocks, and desarts, into a terrestrial Paradise." And Mr. Armstrong, in his History of Minorca (p. 130) tells us, "that there are, in that

Island, Stone Walls that have probably stood many ages, run across the sides of the hills to detain the soil; and such hills yield good crops to the very Summits, which must otherwise have had their rocky entrails laid bare, as is visible wherever this caution has been neglected." So Osbeck tells us in his *Voyage to China* (V. II. p. 290), "that the natural situation of the hills, and of the declivities in that Country, would make them incapable of producing any thing; but that to prevent these inconveniences, the Chinese endeavoured to reduce the hills into plains, or at least to make them similar to plains, by terraces, whose height and breadth are adapted to the declivity. These Terraces they employ for several sorts of plants, and to each they give such a situation as best corresponds with its nature. The Terraces are sometimes four or five feet above one another, and acquire such hard and solid banks, by rain and sunshine, that they are capable of standing for many years." Le Comte in his account of China (p. 91) also mentions the same mode of Cultivation.

This method is also adopted in some parts of Switzerland; for Dr. Moore (in his *View of Manners, &c.* V. I. p. 312) tells us, "that the Country, between Lausane and Vevay, is rendered fertile precisely in this manner. The mountains being cultivated to the Summits, and covered with Vines; this

would have been impracticable on account of the steepness, had not the proprietors built strong stone walls, at proper intervals, one above the other, which support the soil, and form little terraces from the bottom to the top of the mountains. The Peasants ascend by narrow stairs, and before they arrive at the ground they are to cultivate, have frequently to mount higher than a Mason who is employed in repairing the top of a Steeple."

A Country naturally fertile in many of its plains, and having its hills thus adorned with hanging gardens, must appear inconceivably beautiful: and such Judea once was; and may, by human industry, become again.

How capable also this country is of having a more universal intercourse, than any other, with all parts of the earth, is most remarkable; and deserves well to be considered, when we read the numerous Prophecies which speak of its future Splendour, and Greatness, when its people shall at length be gathered from all parts of the earth unto which they are scattered, and be restored to their own Land.—There is no Region in the World to which an access from all parts is so open. By means of the Black Sea, and the Mediterranean, there is an easy approach from all parts of Europe, from a great part of Africa, and from America.—By means of the Red Sea, and the Persian Gulph, and the well-

known Roads from thence, there is an approach from the rest of Africa, from the East Indies, and from the Isles (which are perhaps the very Isles spoken of ultimately by the Royal Prophet, when he says, *The Kings of Tarshish and of the Isles shall bring Presents*); and lastly, by means of the Caspian, The Lake (or Sea) of Baykall, and the near Communication of many great Rivers*, the approach is facilitated from all the Northern parts of Tartary.—In short, if a skilful Geographer were to sit down to devise the fittest spot on the Globe for Universal Empire; or rather, a Spot where all the Great Intercourses of human life should universally centre; and from whence the extended effects of universal benevolence and good-will should flow to all parts of the Earth; and where universal and united Homage should be paid, with one consent, to The Most High; he could not find another so well suited, in all circumstances, as that which is with *emphasis* called The Holy Land.

These Observations perhaps may not deserve great weight, but they ought not to be wholly neglected; especially when it is considered, how many passages of Scripture there are, which plainly declare, that the time *shall* at length come, when

* See Bell's Travels.

Zion shall be the Joy of the whole Earth. An Event which cannot be effected (as the Crusaders vainly imagined) by man's will or device; but whenever it is accomplished, must be solely the Work of God's over-ruling Providence, bringing to pass, in His own good time, and manner, those great events, of all kinds, whatever they be, which he has, with infinite Wisdom, purposed, and designed, for Universal Good.

Since my first writing this Note, and publishing it in the first edition of this Work, many strong confirmations of all these ideas have occurred to me: and I cannot but venture *now* to submit it to the consideration of the serious, that from what is said in the 12th Chapter of Zechariah's Prophecy (from verse 6 to 14) it should seem, as if the Restoration of the Jews should be effected *before* their Conversion. For it is there declared, that *the mourning*, which is to be *the beginning* of their conversion, shall take place *at Jerusalem*; and it cannot take place *there*, unless they be first restored, and conveyed thither.—It is also remarkable, that not all the tribes are *named*, but such families only as might be probably the first restored; before the rest.

HYMN IV.

THOU, O Lord, art the Source of all Wisdom, and Knowledge: and there is no *Understanding*, but of Thee.

2. Thou inspirest the mind of man with the knowledge of useful arts: and, in *due season*, givest Invention to the sons of men.

3. For, behold, whatsoever useful thing is known under the Sun, it is Thou, O Lord, Who hast revealed it.

4. What is wisdom in the mind of man; and the faculty of discovering

Ver. 1. Job xxviii. 20, 23. Proveros ii. 6. Ecclesiastes ii. 26. Daniel ii. 21.

Ver. 2. Exodus xxxv. 31, 34, 35; xxxvi. 1. Daniel i. 17. Ecclesiasticus xxxix. 16, 17.

Ver. 3. Daniel ii. 21, 22, 23. 1 Corinthians iv. 7. 1 Corinthians xii. 11.

the hidden treasures of knowledge; but the Inspiration of Thy Blessed Spirit, and the Revelation of Thy wondrous works to men?

5. And Thou, O Lord, unfoldest the knowledge of Thy wondrous works, at due seasons; even at such as Thy Wisdom seest fittest for the purposes of Thy Providence.

6. Surely there is Wisdom with God. Surely there is most wondrous Design in the Ways of the Most Highest; and in His Dealings with the Sons of men.

7. Why could not our Fathers perceive those Truths, which are made

Ver. 4. Ecclesiasticus i. 10, 19. Wisdom vi. 16. Wisdom vii. 27. 1 Corinthians xii. 4 to 12. James i. 17.

Ver. 5. Ecclesiastes iii. 1. Acts i. 7. Acts xvii. 26.

known unto us? Why could not they profit by those Arts, which have since been so quickly attained?

8. Why knew they not the power of the Loadstone?—Why could not they devise the art of Printing?—Why saw not they the remote Kingdoms of the World?

9. Even because it was not the Will of God, to reveal these things, till it should be found a due time.

10. And surely those who shall be after these days, shall behold more,

Ver. 8. It appears, from the Writings of Seneca, and others, that the Ancients knew all the properties of the Loadstone, *except its Polarity*: and from the Dies and Stamps still extant in the British Museum, it is manifest, that the Romans could stamp entire words; so near were they to the discovery of these two great Inventions.

Ver. 9. Luke x. 24.

and better things; until all shall be perfected, according to the Will of the Most High.

11. Yet, alas, my heart is grieved, because of sin: and because the good things of God are corrupted by a wicked mind.

12. For unless Virtue and Religion prevail in the Soul; increase of knowledge, and abundance of arts, do but render men more desperately wicked.

13. Yet assuredly it shall not always be thus. The raging of sin shall cease: and its power shall fade away.

14. Christ shall utterly destroy the captivity of sin. He hath bruised the serpent's head: and its deadly wound shall not be healed.

Ver. 10. Isaiah xi. 9; lx. Acts iii. 19. 21.

Ver. 14. Genesis iii. 15. 1 Corinthians xv. 25.
Hebrews ii. 14. 1 John iii. 8. Revelations xi. 18.

15. Man shall escape from the venom of the Destroyer; and from the cruel bondage of iniquity: and, by degrees, all sin shall be done away.

16. For behold Christ hath suffered, and is ascended up on high. He hath led captivity captive; and received gifts for men; yea even for His enemies; that the Lord God might dwell among them.

17. He hath received Pardon for transgressors; and the Holy Spirit of God, to be shed forth on His Servants, and to enlighten the souls of men.

18. And thereby shall His Redeemed

Ver. 15. Hebrews ix. 26.

Ver. 16. Psalm lxxviii. 18. Ephesians iv. 8. Hebrews ix. 28.

Ver. 17. John xvi. 7. 13. Ephesians i. 18. Hebrews ix. 12.

be purified, and rendered holy; and be restored unto their Maker; and they shall live in his presence:

19. But the Service of God is *perfect freedom*; and those who obey, must do it with a *willing* mind.

20. *Therefore* doth the Lord wait with patience; and forbeareth with mercy; and appointeth this state of trial.

21. And herein are the Souls of men searched, and approved; and their Lot is determined; even such as shall be found fittest for them:

22. And, in the World to come,

Ver. 18. 1 Thessalonians iv. 17. Hebrews xii. 22, 24. 1 Peter iii. 18. 1 John i. 7; iii. 3. Jude 24. Revelations v. 9.

Ver. 19. Luke xvi. 13. James i. 25. 1 John iv. 17, 18.

Ver. 21. Daniel xii. 13. Luke xvi. 10, 11, 12.

they shall stand therein with joy: each one in such station, as may best enable him to do good.

Ver. 22. Matthew xxiv. 47; xxv. 21 to 23. Luke xix. 17, 18, 19. John xii. 26. Wisdom iii. 6, 7, 8.—The first and most obvious Idea of a Judgment to come, which is so solemnly, and so frequently foretold in Holy Scripture is, that it consists in *punishing and rewarding*. But another still more refined Idea of it, equally warranted by many passages in the Word of God, is; that it also consists in *discerning and separating; and in placing every human soul, capable of Bliss, in some particular, useful, and glorious Lot*: for which Lot, after having passed through a state of trial here in the present world, it shall at last be found of all others, *most fit*: and in which Lot it may also be rendered a means of producing the most good possible to the whole. For such precise Lot, every human being, who hath any the least disposition to what is right and good, will perhaps be found ultimately to have been even originally created, by The Great Creator, only (as being a free agent), and with the possibility of falling from it, he is, for a time, placed here on earth: perhaps to convince

23. Behold, in that hour, all the Servants of The Lord shall rejoice; and shall know that they have not been created in vain.

24. Then shall the Work of God be perfected; and His Creation appear most Holy and Beautiful.

25. Lo now The Whole Creation groaneth, and travaileth in pain; waiting for the manifestation of the Sons of God.

him both of his danger, and of the possibility of error. And as on earth all do err, and become sinful; the blessed *Good News* of the Gospel consists in proclaiming, that Christ, the Redeemer, will deliver, and restore the souls of the sincere, and of all who will with true repentance seek His Help.

This whole idea appears to be particularly confirmed by the remarkable words *of promise*, found at the end of Daniel's Prophecy, chap. xii. 13; and also by Ecclesiasticus x. 4, 5—24; and Psalm civ. 30, 31.

Ver. 23. Matthew xiii. 43. Luke xxi. 28.

Ver. 25. Romans viii. 19. 22.

26. But Christ shall be the Author of All Perfection; and the Restorer, and Finisher of all things.

27. Behold, His Fan is in His hand; and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

28. He will finally separate the good from the evil: and Redeem unto Himself *a Peculiar People*, zealous of good works.

29. And their zeal shall not be in vain: for they shall be filled with righteousness; and do the whole will of God.

Ver. 26. Daniel ix. 24. John xiv. 2. Acts iii.

21. Hebrews x. 12, 13, 14. Revelations xxii. 5, 6.

Ver. 27. Matthew iii. 12.

Ver. 28. Matthew xiii. 24 to 31; xiii. 47 to 49.

Titus ii. 14.

Ver. 29. Matthew v. 6; xxv. 29.

30. O Lord, let my soul be found amidst Thy servants in that day : and, though I have sinned greatly, yet even for me, let there be opened a door of Salvation.

31. I have sinned against Heaven, and in Thy Sight, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son : but, Oh, make me to see light, through the Power of the Redeemer.

32. And now, O Lord, may the Coming of Thy Kingdom, even on earth, be hastened : and, even *here*, may Thy servants have power to do good.

33. Oh, quicken the Souls of the Children of Men : raise up good men to instruct those around them : and give success unto their labours.

Ver. 31. Matthew iv. 16. Luke xv. 18. John i. 9; viii. 12; xii. 36, 46. 1 Peter ii. 9.

34. May their harvest be great on earth: and may they have power to do Thy Will.

35. And prosper Thou, O Lord, their labour and work: and give them the Reward that Thy Servants have.

HYMN V.

I SHALL see Him;—but not now:—I shall behold Him;—but not nigh.

2. A Light shall arise out of Sion: and Glory from the Land of Israel.

3. For, Lo, The Lord our Saviour

Ver. 34. Matthew ix. 38.

Ver. 35. Psalm xc. 17. Hebrews xi. 6. Timothy iv. 8.

Ver. 1. Numbers xxiv. 17. Revelations i. 7.

Ver. 2. Isaiah ix. 2; xlix. 6; lx. 2 to 6; lix.

19. Matthew iv. 16, Luke ii. 32.

shall descend from Heaven; and shall plant His Tabernacle with the sons of men.

4. And He shall call the righteous from their graves; and His faithful Servants, that they may behold His glory.

5. In Him shall *all* the Nations of the Earth be blessed: and the *Mighty Work* of God shall be perfected.

6. There shall be peace upon earth, and abundant Good-Will towards men;

Ver. 3. Zechariah xiv. 4, 5, 9. Acts i. 11. Revelations xxi. 3.

Ver. 4. Isaiah xxiv. 23; lii. 13. John v. 28, 29. John xvii. 24. 1 Corinthians xv. 23. Colossians iii. 4. 1 Thessalonians ii. 19. 1 Thessalonians iii. 13; iv. 13, 14. 2 Thessalonians i. 10. 1 Peter v. 1. Jude 14. Revelations xx. 4. Psalm l. iv.

Ver. 5. Genesis xii. 3; xviii. 18; xxviii. 14. Isaiah xlv. 18, 19. 22 to 25. Acts iii. 25. Galatians iii. 8.

and an Increase of Knowledge, that shall shine forth unto Eternity.

7. And the Kingdoms of this World, shall become the Kingdoms of The Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall Reign for ever and ever.

8. In the hope hereof, O Lord, let my soul depart in peace: and may I be numbered with Thy Servants, in the Last Day.

9. But, alas! Who shall be found worthy to behold the Salvation of God; or to stand before Him, in the Time of His Visitation?

Ver. 6. Psalm lxxii. 7. Isaiah ii. 4; xi. 5 to 10; liv. 13. Micah iv. 3. Luke ii. 14.

Ver. 7. Psalm ii. 8; xxii, 27; lxxii. 11. Daniel vii. 14. 27. Revelations xi. 15.

Ver. 8. Luke ii. 29, 32.

Ver. 9. Isaiah x. 3. Psalm xv. 1. 1 Peter ii 12.

10. Shall I speak peace unto the Generations that be *now* upon earth?— or shall the Salvation of The Lord come in their days?

11. Known unto God are all His Works: and He will order all things, in their *due* Season.

12. But His Wrath hath He revealed against all ungodliness, and unrighteousness of men: and assuredly, unless they repent, His judgments shall fall upon them.

13. Surely, also, those who have abused the greatest blessings, shall receive the greatest condemnation.

14. Did the Lord spare His chosen people Israel? or did He spare the Na-

Ver. 11. Acts i. 7; xv. 18. Acts xvii. 26. Romans xi. 34. 36. Galatians iv. 4.

Ver. 12. Romans i. 18.

tions who received the first lights of the Gospel?

15. Behold His People are scattered into all Countries: and darkness and oppression have overwhelmed the Lands, which first heard the Word of God.

16. Asia, and Judea, are trodden down by the Gentiles; and have long lain waste.

17. And shall God spare the Nations of the West, if they still refuse to turn unto Him?

18. Alas! shall not His Sore Judgments fall on those, who most per-

Ver. 14. Deuteronomy xxix. Revelations ii. 5.
7. Revelations ii. 16, 17; ii. 22, 23; iii. 16.

Ver. 15. Isaiah lx. 2. Ezekiel xii. 15; xx. 23.

Ver. 16. Asia Minor. Luke xxi. 24.

Ver. 17. Jeremiah xxv. 29; xlv. 28. Romans xi. 21.

versely reject the Light of His Gospel?

19. They shall, peradventure, be instruments in the hand of God, to accomplish His Mighty Work; but they shall perish without hope.

20. And, unless they turn and repent, shall neither in this world, nor in the next, partake of the Salvation of The Lord.

21. But the Sword, and Pining Sickness, and Sore Trouble, shall overwhelm them: and their memorial shall perish for ever.

22. Save, O Lord, Thy servants, who call upon Thee. Deliver them from the Evil to come; and mightily Convert the souls of men.

23. Oh, let the *future* generations praise Thee, and live in Thy Fear. And

do Thou away the evil, that is upon the earth.

HYMN VI.

TURN us now, O God, our Saviour, and let thine Anger cease from us.

2. Oh, spare us yet unto repentance: for, if Thy word goeth forth against us, we shall be consumed as in a moment.

3. Oh, that there might be found, amongst this People, a contrite spirit; and an heart to lament, and forsake their misdoings.

4. For with Thee there is Great

Mercy: Thou, Lord, knowest our infirmities; and rememberest whereof we are made; and considerest, that we are but dust.

5. Alas! from the Greatest, even unto the Least, we have grievously offended. Our transgressions have been multiplied, in the days of Thy mercy.

6. When the Light of Thy Gospel hath shined upon us, we have *scorned* it: and have trampled Thy Word under our feet.

7. When Thou hadst delivered us from the hands of our enemies and oppressors; and hadst given us both civil and religious freedom; we have become unmindful of Thy Goodness, and have perverted Thy Blessings.

8. And whereas Thou hast given us Great Honour, in the presence of

the Nations around us; and Power over remote people, who sit in darkness;

9. We have not profited them, by the Preaching of Thy Word, or the Example of Righteousness; but have oppressed them, and been a snare unto them.

10. And we have even caused them to abhor Thy Word, because of *our* iniquities, and unrighteous dealings; and have given occasion to the blasphemers to blaspheme.

11. When thou hast fed us to the full, and given us great riches: we have forgotten Thee, The Source of all good; and have wasted Thy Gifts in riot and excess.

12. Our Great men, are abhorrrers and despisers of Thy Word;—proud

boasters of their iniquities;—and they greedily seek for gain.

13. They regard not the welfare of the people; but the fulfilling of their own lusts: and they flee from knowledge, as an evil thing.

14. Our poor men are abandoned, and desperate in sin; they love violence, and wrong; and blaspheme Thine Holy Name day by day.

15. And we are all given unto vanity, and folly; suffering ourselves to be deceived by iniquity; and walking in the paths that lead to death.

16. Yet Thou, O Lord, searchest all hearts; and Thou knowest, amidst the sons of men, those that fear Thee.

17. Thou art able to turn the

Ver. 15. Ecclesiasticus xlvii. 24, 25.

Ver. 16. 1 Kings xix. 18.

hardest hearts unto repentance; and graciously receivest the *faintest* desires of amendment.

18. Thou beholdest the returning sinner, when yet afar off: and wilt help him to come unto Thee, O God.

19. Thou wilt not break the bruised reed; nor quench the smoking flax.

24. Oh, let not *This Nation* perish from before Thee: Let not the Remembrance of it be done away, for ever.

21. Oh, may there yet be room for repentance: and may our hearts be converted, ere Thou hidest Thyself from us.

22. May we *yet* find Acceptance,

Ver. 18. Luke xv. 20.

Ver. 19. Isaiah xliii. 3. Matthew xii. 20. John vi.

37.

Ver. 20. Jeremiah xviii. 7, 8; xxvi. 13.

through Christ The Redeemer; and be enlightened, by the Preaching of Thy Holy Word.

23. For His Sake, O Lord, hear this humble prayer: and let it not be presumptuous in thy sight.

24. Oh, raise up good men, in all Ranks of Life; and place them, in such stations, where they may best do good.

25. Grant them zealous hearts, to be exemplary and useful; and give success unto their labours.

26. Increase the number of the faithful Preachers of Thy Word: and may they be filled with Thy Blessed Spirit!

27. May they have hearts boldly to declare the Truth, as it is in Jesus; and convert the souls of many.

28. May they reap an abundant

harvest from this World: and have an abundant recompense in that which is to Come!

29. Raise up, O Lord, continually, Wise men, to bear rule; and give the Power into their hands.

30. Oh, may they faithfully do justice; maintain good Laws; and have The Fear of Thee before their eyes!

31. And, deliver us from the hands of wicked men; who seek the gratification of their own lusts, and not the public good.

32. Suffer not their evil devices to prevail; but confound them; and turn their hearts unto repentance.

33. Truly, for our evil deeds, we might justly be given over as a prey unto them: but, Oh, deliver us, for Thy Mercy's Sake.

34. Bless, O Lord, The King, whom Thou hast appointed to rule over us. Grant him an heart to fear Thee, Most Highest; and, above all, to seek Thine Honour and Glory.

35. For therein shall he find his own truest happiness; and best promote the welfare of his people.

36. Oh, grant him the help of Wise Counsellors, and of Good Counsel; and understanding to choose and follow the thing that is Right.

37. And deliver him from the hands of all his enemies: from those, who openly seek his ruin; and from false friends, who would be a snare unto his soul.

38. And to us, his subjects, give peaceable, and quiet minds; that we may faithfully discharge the duties of

Life; and honestly promote the public welfare.

39. Oh, let not our hearts be deceived, to seek our own ruin: but turn us from our evil ways; and make us to seek Thee, Our God, with our whole hearts.

40. Alas! O Lord, I am unworthy to make supplication; or to lift up my soul unto Thee.

41. But if Thou forsakest us, we perish: therefore, confessing my sins, I would still *humbly* pray.

42. O teach others, more earnestly to lift up their souls; and, with holy fear, to cry unto Thee:

43. That the Land where Thy Great Name hath been made known, and Thine Holy Gospel preached, may not

become a reproach amongst the sons of men:

44. That we may be delivered from the hands of the enemy, and avenger: and that the Gates of Hell may not prevail against the Truth.

HYMN VII.

O BE joyful in The Lord, all ye Lands:
Serve the Lord with Gladness; and
come before His Presence with Thanks-
giving.

2. Know, assuredly, that The Lord

Ver. 43. Exodus xxxi. 11. 14. Numbers xiv.
13. 19.

Ver. 44. Matthew xvi. 18.

Ver. 1. Psalm c. 1.

He is God: and consider, it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves.

3. Out of the dust were we taken; and His Great Power hath given us the Breath of Life.

4. Yea, and therewith hath He freely given all things. *He* causeth the Earth to yield its fruits, for the support of all living creatures.

5. But we have been unmindful of His Mercies; and have forgotten our Creator: and have defiled the world by sin.

6. Justly might we perish, in our transgressions: and be overwhelmed with everlasting punishment.

Ver. 2. Psalm c. 2.

Ver. 3. Genesis ii. 7; iii. 19.

Ver. 4. Romans viii. 32.

Ver. 5. Isaiah xxiv. 5.

7. Oh, how great were the mercy,
to be exempted from misery! though,
we should then cease to exist!

8. But God's Loving Kindness hath
Redeemed us: and it is our Father's
good pleasure, to give us the King-
dom.

9. For this end, The Lord of Life
suffered; even Jesus our Saviour: And
He shall finally Restore all things.

10. O let all People rejoice, and be
glad: for *He* shall judge righteously;
and govern the Nations upon Earth.

11. *He* shall compleat the Work of

Ver. 8. Luke xii. 32.

Ver. 9. John i. 12. Acts iii. 19. 21. Titus ii.
14. 1 John iii. 2.

Ver. 10. Psalm lxvii. 4; lxxii. 11; xcvi. 13.
Isaiah ix. 6; xi. 4; xvi. 5. Matthew xxv. 31 to
46. Revelations xi. 15.

God: and finish all things with Excellent Beauty.

12. He shall do away all evil: and bestow Everlasting Peace.

13. The Creation shall no longer groan, and travail in pain: but its expectation shall be accomplished, by the manifestation of the Sons of God.

14. And all Creatures shall rejoice therein: and every Spirit, which God hath made for good.

15. Behold the Potter fashioneth his clay: and purposeth to bring his work unto perfection:

Ver. 11. John iv. 34. Romans viii. 19 to 23.

Ver. 12. Isaiah ii. 4; liv. 13. Luke ii. 14.
John xiv. 27.

Ver. 13. John xvi. 21, 22. Romans viii. 21, 22.

Ver. 14. Job xxxviii. 7. Psalm xxxvi. 7.

Ver. xv. Psalm ii. 9. Romans ix. 21. Jeremiah xviii. 6.

16. But the mass is long unshapen:
and *evil* doth it seem, till it is finished.

17. The sculptor also heweth the
marble; and designeth an exquisite
device:

18. But rude are the outlines, and
rough the strokes of the chissel; till,
by degrees, the beauty of the work ap-
peareth.

19. Even so, peradventure, The
Lord permitteth evil, only for a sea-
son, until *His* Great Work be per-
fected.

20. Not at once, but in six days,
were the Heavens and the Earth made:
In due portions of time, also, shall the
Spiritual World be compleated.

Ver. 19. Isaiah xlv. 7. 18. John xvi. 21. He-
brews xi. 40.

Ver. 20. Genesis i. Isaiah lv. 10, 11; lxvi. 8,
9. Mark iv. 26, 27, 28, 29. Galatians iv. 4.

21. Behold first night appeared;
And then the bright day: first evil is
known; and then good.

22. And even The Lord of Life hath
first suffered; that He might hereafter
appear in Glory.

23. Such are the Ways of God with
man: but nothing, that He hath made,
shall be found created in vain.

24. Surely the Works of The Al-
mighty on Earth shall not be destroyed,
till Righteousness hath prevailed; and
till all things be fulfilled.

25. And then shall the generations

Ver. 21. Genesis i. 5. Luke xxii. 53. Romans
xiii. 12.

Ver. 22. Isaiah lii. 14, 15. Acts xvii. 3.

Ver. 23. Proverbs xvi. 4. Ecclesiastes iii. 11.
Ecclesiasticus xlvii. 22. Isaiah xlv. 18; xlix. 7 to 12.

Ver. 24. Daniel vii. 27. Malachi iv. 5, 6. Mat-
thew v. 18; xvii. 11; xxiv. 14. Hebrews x. 13.

of men know, that there is *a gracious End*; and that no word of God can fail.

26. When all hath been accomplished, this Earth shall be destroyed by fire: but Christ shall again create all things new.

27. A more Glorious Heaven; and more Perfect World: an Everlasting Habitation for the Sons of God.

28. So shall all be finished; and Everlasting Glory and Praise be rendered unto The Most High.

Ver. 25. Isaiah xlv. 18; lv. 10, 11; lxi. 11; and see the note at the end of this Hymn, p. 212—214.

Ver. 26. Isaiah li. 6; lxxv. 17. 2 Peter iii. 7. 10. Revelations xxi. 5.

Ver. 27. Psalm xxxvii. 30, 35; civ. 30. Isaiah lxvi. 22. Romans viii. 19. 2 Peter iii. 13. Revelations xxi. 1.

Ver. 28. Matthew xxv. 34. Revelations xvi. 17.

29. Let us now live unto Thee, O Lord; and work Thy Work, O God, in this our Day.

30. Let our Spirits rejoice before Thee in hope; and offer up the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving.

31. Teach us to embrace, and maintain, the Truth: and make us to be faithful labourers in Thy Vineyard.

32. And may we be found not to have lived in vain: but to have laboured to promote The Kingdom of Christ.

33. Behold, we now go on our way, on Earth, sorrowing for sin: but, Oh, let us come again with joy, and bring our sheaves with us.

Ver. 29. John ix. 4.

Ver. 30. Romans v. 2; xii. 12.

Ver. 31. Matthew ix. 38. 1 Corinthians iii. 9.

Ver. 33. Psalm cxxvi. 7. Malachi iii. 16, 17.

Matthew v. 4. Galatians vi. 9.

NOTE TO VERSE 25.

We are most obviously led to remark at least the *possible* improvement of the State of Mankind, from a very striking and affecting reflection, naturally arising from the consideration of those immense Tracts, of the richest and most fertile parts of the Globe, that are still entirely uncultivated, and hardly at all inhabited. All that vast Territory*, lying between the Northern parts of Tartary on the one hand, and Persia, India, and China, on the other, from the Caspian Sea, to the Eastern Ocean, though bounded in some places by sandy deserts, is one of the most fertile, and best Countries in the World, and watered by most noble Rivers and Lakes; yet it is, for the greatest part, neglected, being inhabited only by a few scattered tribes of wandering Tartars, who remain in a most uncivilized state: and a very few Russian Towns, planted in some remote parts of it, are just the outlines of a beginning of cultivation.—All the interior and best parts of the Great Continent of North America, by the *Ohio*, and the Lakes, and beyond them, are equally rich, but in

* See Bell's Travels, Vol. I. p. 298, and Vol. II. p. 130. 136. 139. 159.

the same desolate condition.—And a like account may be given of many of the interior, and best parts of South America, and also of Africa. In short, the busy Scene of life, hitherto, amidst which any improvement of the state of mankind has as yet been made; and all the tumults, wars, confusions, and mischiefs of Society, arising on mankind's first emerging from a state of barbarity; may be observed to have been confined almost to the very *skirts* of the earth; and, in many instances, to its most unpromising, and least valuable territories: and the best parts seem to have been reserved for *better times*.—Shall we not then look forward to a Period, when the most improvable Regions of this World shall also be made use of, and be duly cultivated, for the service of man, and for the Glory of the Creator; and when, consistently with the expression of the Prophet Isaiah (xlii. 4), The Isles (peradventure, *even the many, and great Isles of the vast Southern Ocean*) shall wait for His Law, *and hearken to it*?

At the same time, let us also remark the admirable plan of The Gospel; and the so truly and manifestly gracious proceedings of God's Providence, both with regard to this World, as well as with regard to that which is To Come; *in that*, it is by the Gospel made essentially necessary, as a previous step towards mankind's attaining true comfort, and

solid advantage in *either* world, that the minds of men should be divested, as far as possible, of those inordinate passions, and corrupt dispositions, and desires, which would soon render any state of Society, even in heaven itself, uncomfortable and miserable.

The first Language sounded forth by the Gospel, is not a clear Declaration of that final great improvement of the condition of mankind, which shall, some time or other, take place, even upon earth; but contains those Divine Admonitions, which are *previously* necessary, to lead men to repentance, and by the Divine Aid afforded, to prepare a peculiar people, *zealous of good works* *; and well fitted both to become the instruments of good to others, and, in the completest manner, to enjoy and relish it themselves, in either world.

* Titus ii. 14.

HYMN VIII.

O PRAY for the Peace of Jerusalem.—
They shall prosper that love her.

2. Peace be within her walls: and
plenteousness within her palaces.

3. Behold; God hath smitten her,
because of her sins: and hath given
her over as a prey unto her enemies.

4. She is oppressed; and trodden
down by the Gentiles; and her chil-
dren are scattered into all Lands.

5. The Words of Moses, and of

Ver. 1. Numbers xxiv. 9. Psalm cxxii. 6. Isaiah
lxii. 6, 7.

Ver. 3. Isaiah l. 1.

Ver 4. Leviticus xxvi. 33. Nehemiah i. 8. Je-
remiah xiii. 24. Ezekiel xxxiv. 6.

the Prophets, are fulfilled: and she is become a *Sign* unto the ends of the Earth.

6. For she crucified the Lord of Life; and hardened her heart: and she is wasted; and the days of her visitation are many.

7. But she shall not be utterly forsaken: for God will remember His Mercies, and His Promise for ever.

8. 'Till the days of the Gentiles are fulfilled, shall she travail in sorrow:

Ver. 5. Leviticus xxvi. 41 to 45. Deuteronomy xxix. 22 to 29; xxxi. 16, 17, 18. 29. Joshua xxiii. 15, 16. Jeremiah v. 15 to 18; xxvi. 6. Ezekiel v. 10. 12. 15; vi. 8, 9, 10; xii. 15; xiv. 8; xx. 23; xxii. 15; xxxix. 23, 24.

Ver. 7. Leviticus xxvi. 40 to 45. Deuteronomy xxx. 1 to 10. Isaiah xlix. 15 to 19; liv. 7, 8. Jeremiah xvi. 16; xxiii. 5; xxx. xxxi. Ezekiel xx. 34 to 39.

but the Lord will comfort her at the last.

9. She is cut off, like a dead branch, and withered: and standeth as a mark to confirm the faith of the Gentiles: that they may be gathered in, and obtain Mercy and Grace.

10. But, alas! if God spared not his *own* people; and their disobedience is sore punished; shall *we* escape, if we reject so Great Salvation?

11. They crucified the Lord of Life: for when He came unto His own, His *own* knew Him not.

12. But He is come unto us, and

Ver. 8. Isaiah vi. 11 to 13; xlix. 13 to 23; lii. 1 to 10. Ezekiel xxxiv. 12 to 16. Luke xxi. 24.

Ver. 9. Romans xi.

Ver. 10. Romans xi. 21. Isaiah li. 22, 23.

Ver. 11. Isaiah xlix. 7. John i. 10, 11. Acts ii. 36; iii. 15.

we know Him.—Yet, alas! do we also reject, and scorn His Love?

13. Are not our ways, more evil than their ways? and our sin, above the measure of their guilt?

14. Spare us, O Lord, and convert our souls: and let not Thy Love, and Mercy, be in vain.

15. And Oh! return unto Thy people; and grant them peace and rest.

16. Let the fulness of the Gentiles come in; and let Thy People rejoice therein.

17. Remove the vail that covereth their hearts: and enlighten their eyes, that they may embrace the Truth.

Ver. 15. Isaiah lxii. 6, 7. Jeremiah xxxi. 10, 27, 28.

Ver. 16. Isaiah lx, 2 to 11. Luke xiii. 35; xxxi.

24. Romans xi. 25.

Ver. 17. Ezekiel xxxvi. 26. 2 Corinthians iii. 15, 16.

18. May they bewail their sins; and sorrow for their impenitency; and turn humbly unto Christ their Saviour, that He may dwell amongst them for ever.

19. Hear, O Lord, our prayer; and let it not be presumptuous in Thy sight.

20. Let our souls love Thy people; and the lot which Thou hast chosen for Thine Inheritance.

21. And may we find acceptance, praying for their Conversion, and Return; and that their wound may be healed.

Ver. 18. Deuteronomy xxx. 1 to 10. Jeremiah xxxi. 18. Ezekiel vi. 9. 10; xi. 19; xxxiv. 23; xliii. 7. Hosea v. 15; xiv. Zechariah viii. 3. 7, 8; xii. 10, 11. Matthew xxiii. 39.

Ver. 20. Deuteronomy ix. 29; xxxii. 9; xxvi. 18, 19. Psalm xxxiii. 12.

Ver. 21. Isaiah li. 18. Jeremiah xxx. 17; xxxi. 7. Romans xi. 15.

22. Surely if they seek The Lord, they shall find Him; surely if they seek their God, with all their souls, He will not be far from them.

23. Let Judah be saved;—and let Israel dwell safely; and manifest the Glory of the Lord our Righteousness.

24. And let all the Nations of the Earth give Praise unto the Lord; and Rejoice in the Presence of God Most High.

25. And, Oh, let Thy People say, *Blessed be he that cometh in The Name of the Lord.*

26. Oh that The Salvation were

Ver. 22. Deuteronomy iv. 29.

Ver. 23. Jeremiah xxiii. 5 to 8; xxxiii. 16.

Ver. 24. Deuteronomy xxxii. 43. Psalm cii. 15, 16. Isaiah lii. 7. 10; lx. 15; lxvi. 10. Jeremiah xxxiii. 9. Ezekiel xxxvii. 28. Tobit xiv. 5, 6, 7.

Ver. 25. Matthew xxiii. 39.

given unto Israel, out of Sion! Oh that
The Lord would deliver His People out
of Captivity!

27. Then should the Children of
Jacob, according to the Promise, re-
joice; and The true Israel of God
should be right glad.

Ver. 26. Psalm liii. 7.

Ver. 27. Psalm liii. 8, 31.

PART THE FOURTH.

HYMN I.

BLESSED be The Lord God, The Creator of all things ; and for ever adored, and praised, be His Holy Name.

2. O let them that are wise praise Him, and magnify Him, because of His Great Goodness.

3. Let them exalt, and glorify Him, because of His Excellent Works : and for the Redemption which He hath wrought for the sons of men.

4. With His Own Right Hand, and

Ver. 2. Daniel xii. 10. Ecclesiastes xv. 7. 9.
2 Esdras xii. 38 ; xiv. 26. 46, 47.

with His Holy Arm, hath he gotten Himself the Victory.

5. He hath wrought Redemption alone; and of the people there were none with Him.

6. Who hath believed the Report of The Lord? or to whom hath the knowledge of the Holy One been revealed?

7. For *He* came down, like the dew on the green herb; silently, and with meekness, to heal, and to restore all things.

8. Lo, the Kings of the earth, and the mighty men, furiously oppressed; and were adored.

Ver. 4. Psalm xcvi. 2.

Ver. 5. Isaiah lxiii. 3. 5.

Ver. 6. Isaiah liii. 1. John xii. 38.

Ver. 7. Psalm lxxii. 6. Isaiah xlix. 8; liii. 2.

Ver. 8. Christians would do well to compare

9. They exercised a cruel authority over their people; and made them endure an heavy bondage; and were called *Benefactors*.

10. But the King of Kings descended from above; and became the Servant of all; and was numbered with the *Transgressors*.

the Lives and Actions even of Augustus Cæsar, and much more of Tiberius, and Caligula, with the History of our Blessed Saviour; and to remember, that *they* were almost *sole* Lords of the World, about the time that Christ was humbling himself for our Redemption: and that Seneca has observed of Caligula, who reigned a short time after Our Lord's death, "that Nature seemed to have brought him forth, "to shew what mischief *could* be effected by the "greatest vices supported by the greatest authority."

Ver. 9. Matthew xx. 25. Luke xxii. 25. One of the Ptolemies of Egypt was called Euergetes, or Benefactor, for bringing back their Idols, which Cambyes had carried out of Egypt (Prideaux's Connection, Vol. III. p. 113.)

Ver. 10. Isaiah liii. 12. Mark xv. 28. Luke xxii.

11. He bore our sins ; and suffered for our iniquities ; and gave His Soul a Ransom for many.

12. That He might deliver *His* people from the bondage of sin ; and from the power of the Adversary of mankind.

13. And whilst the Great men of the earth caused many to perish ; and destroyed *their* servants, in their wrath ;

14. The Lord of Life gave *Himself* to suffer a bitter death ; that He might redeem, and save, those who were un-

26. 37. John x. 36. Philippians ii. 6 to 10. 1 Timothy vi. 15. Revelations xix. 16.

Ver. 11 and 12. Isaiah liii. 5 to 12. Matthew xx. 28. Mark x. 45. John i. 29. Acts xxvi. 18. Romans vi. 22 ; viii. 21. 2 Corinthians v. 18, 19. Colossians i. 13. Titus ii. 14. Hebrews ii. 14 ; ix. 26. 1 Peter ii. 24 ; v. 8. 1 John iv. 10.

worthy that He should Reign over them.

15. *They* were of the earth, earthy; but *He* was The Lord from Heaven; descending from The Glory of The Father.

16. *They* are perished; and their names abhorred; but The Lord, Our Saviour, liveth for ever, to make Intercession for us.

17. *He* is returned to the Glory of The Father, which He inherited ere the world was: He is One with God; and shall be Glorified with God.

Ver. 14. Isaiah liii. 12. Luke xxiii. 34. John iii. 14, 15. Acts iii. 15. Galatians i. 4. 1 Timothy ii. 6. 1 Peter iii. 18.

Ver. 15. Psalm li. 5. John iii. 13, 31. John xvi. 28; xvii. 5. 1 Corinthians xv. 47, 48.

Ver. 16. Isaiah xxvi. 14; l. 9. Hebrews vii. 25.

Ver. 17. Mark i. 24. John v. 23; x. 30; xiii. 3; xvi. 15, 28; xvii. 5. Ephesians i. 20, 21, 22;

18. And, at the appointed time, He shall again come, and possess His Kingdom; and reward His servants, according to their works.

19. And they who would not behold Him in His humiliation, humbling Himself for their Salvation, shall weep and wail, when, with terror, they behold His Glory.

20. For His Glory, is not as the glory of the mighty men of the world;

iv. 9, 10. 1 Peter iii. 22. 2 Peter iii. 18. Revelations v. 13; vii. 10. See also the following remarkable Texts, referred to by Mr. Bowyer, in his Notes, on John i. 1. Matthew i. 23. Acts xx. 28. Romans ix. 5. Philippians ii. 6. 1 Timothy iii. 16. Titus ii. 13. Hebrews i. 8.

Ver. 18. Matthew xxv. 14. 19. Luke xix. 15. Acts i. 11. 1 Thessalonians iv. 16. 2 Thessalonians i. 7. 10. Ephesians i. 10.

Ver. 19. Isaiah liii. 13 to 15; lxiv. 1, 2, 3. Romans xiv. 9. Revelations i. 7.

as an unprofitable vapour, thnt passeth away; but is Great, and Terrible, and Fearful; Commanding, and Subduing all things, for ever.

21. *They* killed the body; and had no more that *they* could do: but *He* is able to destroy both body and soul in hell.

22. *They* sought only their own glory: but *He* seeketh that God should be glorified, by the exaltation of all His Servants.

23. Lo; they did smite their fellow-servants; and yet were had in honour: they did eat and drink with the drunken; and yet were called gods.

Ver. 20. Philippians iii. 21.

Ver. 21. Matthew x. 28; xxviii. 18. Luke xii. 5. Revelations i. 18.

Ver. 22. John vii. 18. 2 Corinthians i. 20.

Ver. 23. Matthew xxiv. 48 to 51.—Many of

24. But the Lord of all, Who humbled Himself unto death, shall cut them asunder; and appoint them their portion, where shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

25. O Praise God, with a fervent spirit; and give Thanks with the whole heart.

26. Rejoice before The Lord, our Saviour; and magnify His Holy Name; for The Lord, our God, is Holy.

the Roman Emperors, and especially Caligula, Nero, and Domitian, were not only *ranked* amongst the gods, even in their life-times, but had also temples, and altars erected to them, and priests appointed, and sacrifices offered up to them, by their idolatrous subjects—And Domitian assumed the Title of *Lord God*.

Ver. 24. Psalm ii. 5. 9. Isaiah xxiv. 21. Luke xii. 46.

HYMN II.

WHEREWITH shall I come before The Lord; and appear before The Most High God?

2. Can I offer the sacrifice of Righteousness; or worship with true holiness?

3. Can I be justified in the Presence of my Maker; or be found pure when I am judged?

4. Can I make expiation for my sin? or can I even turn again unto God, with perfect obedience?

5. Oh! that there were an heart in me always to do the thing that is right!—

Ver. 1. Micah vi. 6.

Ver. 3. Proverbs xx. 9.

Oh, that I were blameless, and uncorrupt before God !

6. But it is not in man to walk perfectly: nor in the sons of men to be truly holy.

7. Enter not, therefore, into judgment with Thy Servant, O Lord, for *in Thy Sight* shall no man living be justified.

8. Yet do I know, that Thou requirest Truth in the inward parts; and a *sincere* spirit of obedience.

9. I do know that Thou hatest all iniquity: and abhorrest the hypocrite, and perverse transgressor.

10. And Thy wrath shall be poured

Ver. 6. Jeremiah x. 23. 25. Romans iii. 23.

Ver. 7. Psalm cxliii. 2.

Ver. 8. Psalm li. 6.

out upon the wicked ; and they shall perish, with an horrible destruction.

11. Teach me then, O teach me, to flee unto a place of safety: and to obtain help, and deliverance, right early.

12. Lo, Thou hast provided for us a Rock of Defence: and hast appointed One Mighty to Save.

13. Even one Wonderful in Power; and Who hath fulfilled All Righteousness: *The Lord our Saviour*, is His Name.

14. He hath made Expiation for

Ver. 10. Nahum i. 2. 6. John iii. 36. 2 Thesalonians i. 8, 9. Revelations xiv. 10.

Ver. 12. Psalm lxxxix. 20. Isaiah lxiii. 1. John x. 28.

Ver. 13. Isaiah ix. 6. Matthew iii. 15. Luke ii. 11. John iv. 42.

sin: and hath ransomed, and redeemed the Souls of Men.

15. He will not reject those that come unto Him: nor suffer their hope to fail.

16. But for His sake shall their sins be forgiven: and though they have been as scarlet, they shall become whiter than snow.

17. He will quicken them by His Spirit; and enable them to attain unto Righteousness.

18. Through Him shall the penitent and humble soul be accepted; and its imperfections pardoned.

Ver. 14. Matthew xx. 28. Mark x. 45. John i. 29. Romans iv. 25. Hebrews ix. 28. 1 Peter iii. 18.

Ver. 15. Matthew xii. 20. John vi. 37.

Ver. 16. Isaiah i. 18. John iii. 16.

Ver. 17. John xv. 5. Ephesians ii. 1. 5. Colossians ii. 13.

19. Through Him, also, shall its frail endeavours to do good be even rewarded; and reckoned for righteousness.

20. For Faith in Christ shall sanctify the spirit of man; and purify the heart like a refiner's fire.

21. Turn us then, O Good Lord; and so shall we be turned.—Oh, grant us *true* repentance; and our souls shall live.

22. Pardon our infirmities, for Jesus Sake: and may we be justified, freely, through His Righteousness.

Ver. 19. Galatians iii. 6. Philippians i. 11. James ii. 23.

Ver. 20. Daniel xii. 10. Malachi iii. 3. John iii. 16. 36. Acts xv. 9. 2 Thessalonians ii. 13. Titus ii. 14. Hebrews ix. 14. 1 Peter i. 22. 1 John iii. 3; v. 5.

Ver. 21. Psalm lxxxv. 4. Jeremiah xxxi. 18.

Ver. 22. Romans iii. 24, 25. Galatians iii. 11; iii. 22 to 25. Colossians i. 14.

23. And, Oh, may we be enabled, abiding in Him, to walk in newness of life here; and to attain unto perfect holiness hereafter.

24. Wo be to the soul, that believing continueth wilfully in transgression. Oh, save us from this dreadful aggravation of guilt!

25. And keep Thy Servants, also, from all presumptuous sins; lest they get the dominion over us.

26. Oh, lead us from strength to strength; till we come unto Thee, The God of Gods, in Sion.

27. And then let us appear amidst

Ver. 23. John xv. 4. Romans vi. 4. 2 Corinthians v. 17. Philippians i. 11.

Ver. 24. Romans vi. 1.

Ver. 25. Psalm xix. 13.

Ver. 26. Psalm lxxxiv. 7.

the Redeemed of Christ; and give all the Glory unto Thee, O Lord, through Him.

28. Even for that mighty Work; The Renovation, and Exaltation, of lost Souls.

29. O Praise the Lord, ye Sons of Men; and magnify His Name; for He is Holy.

30. O Give Thanks unto Him, for His great Mercy; and with gladness embrace the *appointed* means of Salvation.

31. Lift up your hearts with Love unto Christ our Saviour: and, in His Name, worship The Most High.

32. O Lord, our God, increase our

Ver. 27. Revelations v. 9.

Ver. 28. 2 Corinthians v. 18, 19.

Faith; and perfect Thy mighty work in our souls.

33. And let not the Adversary prevail against us; nor boast himself of the wrong that he hath done.

HYMN III.

DELIVER me, O Lord, for I have trusted on Thee, and my hope hath been on Thy Righteousness.

2. O let not the seed sown in my heart be choaked, and perish, through the deceitfulness of sin.

3. My soul hath delighted in those who prophecy in Thy Name.—Let me not be found, finally, amongst the workers of iniquity.

Ver. 2. Mark iv. 19.

Ver. 3. Matthew vii. 22, 23.

4. Alas! the sorrows of my heart are enlarged: for it is treacherous, and deceitful beyond measure.

5. The things that I would, I do not: and my soul is continually enticed unto sin.

6. And mine enemies that surround me are many: and they that lie in wait to take away my soul are mighty.

7. But, Oh, be Thou my Deliverer, and strong-hold, whereunto I may alway resort; Lord, be Thou my Helper!

8. Save me from the hands of all my enemies: and from the frowardness and treachery of mine own heart.

9. Even when I purpose zealously

Ver. 4. Jeremiah xvii. 9. Matthew xv. 18.

Ver. 5. Romans vii. 19.

Ver. 7. Psalm lxxi. 2. Proverbs xviii. 10. Nahum i. 7.

Ver. 8. Jeremiah xvii. 9.

to do good; I am involved in evil : and seeking to withstand iniquity ; I offend against my neighbour.

10. Striving to maintain the thing that is right ; anger and wrath casteth down my soul : and desiring to devote my life to Thy Service ; I become wickedly anxious for the events thereof.

11. I delight in the purpose of doing good ;—and covetousness, that root of all evil, stealeth into my soul.

12. Thus am I surrounded with temptation ; even following that which is right ; and, alas, how oft doth my heart turn from the paths of Righteousness !

13. But Thou art mighty to save : therefore I will not despair.—Let mercy

Ver. 11. Luke xii. 15. Colossians iii. 5. 1 Timothy vi. 10.

be extended unto me, by Thine Holy One:—and convert, and heal my soul.

14. Let His Words sink deep into my heart: and let not the remembrance of them be rooted out, for ever.

15. May they be always present before me; that my life may be conformed unto them.

16. Make me to become meek, and lowly in heart, that I may find rest unto my soul.

17. Make me to eschew evil, and to do good: to seek peace, and to ensue it.

18. And behold me in mercy, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus, *The Right-*

Ver. 14. John v. 24; viii. 51. 1 John ii. 5.

Ver. 16. Matthew xi. 29.

Ver. 17. 1 Peter iii. 11, 12.

eous: and let Thine ears be open unto my prayer.

19. Help me, also, that I may with sincerity forgive: even as I hope to be forgiven:—and that I may have fervent Charity towards all men.

20. That I may lay aside indignation, and wrath, which belong not to the sons of men:—and that I may obtain that mighty power, even to love mine enemies.

21. I have said in my haste, All men are unjust.—Forgive us, Lord, our mutual sins; and make us to become forbearing towards each other.

22. I have experienced Thy mercy

Ver. 18. 1 John ii. 1, 2. 1 Timothy i. 15.

Ver. 19. Matthew vi. 14. 1 Peter iv. 8.

Ver. 20. Matthew v. 44.

Ver. 21. Psalm cxvi. 10. Colossians iii. 13.

and help, in the time of need:—yet my heart has become distrustful, and vainly anxious for the provisions of life.

23. But, Oh, may I learn to cast all my care upon Thee, my God:—for, Thou, Lord, carest for Thy Servants.

24. May I seek above all Thy Kingdom, and Thy Righteousness; and say, in all things, *Thy Will be done!*

25. May content and chearfulness possess my Soul! and may I obtain that peace which the world giveth not!

26. For great peace have they that love Thy Law; and they are not offended at it.

27. Oh, let not my heart be trou-

Ver. 23. 1 Peter v. 7.

Ver. 24. Matthew vi. 33.

Ver. 25. Isaiah xlviii. 22. John xiv. 27.

Ver. 26. Psalm i. 1; cxix. 165.

bled; neither let it be afraid: but deliver me from the snares of the evil one, that I perish not, through mine own folly.

28. I abhor to do wrong, through the abuse of power:—Let me not be driven to injure, through timid anxiety.

29. But let the words of Thy Law be dearer unto me, than thousands of gold and silver.

30. Cause me to take heed unto my ways; that I offend not with my tongue.

31. And may I keep my mouth, as it were with a bridle, while the ungodly is in my sight.

32. Thy Law, O Lord, is most holy:

Ver. 29. Psalm cxix. 72.

Ver. 30. Psalm xxxix. 1.

Ver. 31. Psalm xxxix. 2.

when Thou makest my soul to comprehend it, I am dismayed: for I am not able to fulfill it.

33. But guide me by thy counsel; and strengthen my heart through faith; and so bring me at last unto Thy Glory;

34. Even to behold the Glory which Thou hast given unto Him, Who hath fulfilled all Righteousness, and Who will make all things perfect.

35. And Who gave Himself to seek; and to save *that which was lost*; and to call *sinner*s to repentance.

36. Do away mine offences, Good

Ver. 33. Psalm lxxiii. 23.

Ver. 34. John xvii. 24. Colossians i. 28. Hebrews v. 9; xii. 23. 1 Peter v. 10.

Ver. 35. Matthew xviii. 11. Luke v. 31. Luke xix. 10.

Lord; and blot out my transgressions;—And let not my sins be remembered against me.

HYMN IV.

O LORD, look upon me in mine adversity: and consider my complaint.

2. For my Soul is amongst lions: and I am become abhorred, and an outcast amongst men.

3. The Destroyer rageth to devour me: and the sons of men stand afar off from me.

4. Because I would speak to them of Righteousness, and everlasting Peace, therefore they abhor me: and they

Ver. 2. Psalm lvii. 4, 5.

Ver. 3. 1 Peter v. 8.

hate me, because I do not follow after vanity.

5. Alas! I am sinful, even as they:—wherefore should they cast me out, because I seek deliverance?

6. My Soul draweth near unto destruction: and I am made weary of my days.

7. Nevertheless my hope shall be on Thee, O God; and my soul shall declare, that Thou art Good.

8. Alas! what am I, that I should complain? surely I should then charge my God foolishly.

9. I know, O Lord, that Thou formest light, and dost create darkness: that Thou makest Peace, and

Ver. 7. Habakkuk iii. 17, 18.

Ver. 8. Micah vii. 9.

createst evil: that Thou, Most Mighty, doest all these things.

10. Shall we receive good at Thy hands, O Lord, with thankfulness; and not meekly receive evil?

11. Or shall the thing formed say unto Him that formed it, Wherefore hast Thou made me thus?

12. Shall we disclaim Thy Watchful Providence; and say, God hideth Himself, and careth not for the sons of men?

13. Lo, there is nothing befalleth us, but by Thy Will:—from Thee are the issues of Life and Death.

14. O my God; when evil befalleth

Ver. 9. Isaiah xxxi. 2; xlv. 7. Amos iii. 6.

Ver. 10. Job ii. 10.

Ver. 11. Isaiah xlv. 9.

Ver. 12. Psalm xciv. 7. Ezekiel ix. 9.

Ver. 13. Job xii. 10. Matthew x. 29, 30.

me, teach me to humble my soul; and to search my heart, that I may repent.

15. And when Blessing is bestowed upon me, make me to rejoice with thanksgiving; and to improve all to Thy Glory.

16. For so shall all be made to work for good; and I shall yet have joy, in my latter end.

17. Truly I do know, that should I perversely perish, even my destruction should be turned to Thy Praise.

18. For Thy Holy Work shall surely be accomplished: and nought but good shall finally prevail.

19. But, Oh, hear me, in an accept-

Ver. 16. Romans viii. 28.

Ver. 17. Proverbs xvi. 4. Romans ix. 22, 23.

Ver. 18. Daniel ix. 24. Matthew xiii. 41. Romans ix. 28. Revelations xxi. 4.

able time: and, whilst Thou mayest be found, help me to call upon Thee:

20. Even in this Day of Salvation; before the grave shutteth its mouth upon me.

21. So shall my soul live to praise Thee: for the Adoration of a contrite heart shall be accepted.

22. And in the World to come Thou shalt hear my voice: and an outcast of men shall give Glory unto God.

23. Oh, my God; let me not be *cast out from Thy Presence*; though I be indeed unworthy to appear before Thee!

24. But may I find Acceptance, and

Ver. 19. Psalm xxxii. 7. Isaiah xlix. 8.

Ver. 20. 2 Corinthians vi. 2.

Ver. 23. 2 Thessalonians i. 9.

Mercy, for Jesus sake!—so shall my sorrow be turned into joy.

HYMN V.

Wo is me; that I am constrained to dwell with Meshec, and to have my habitation amongst the Tents of Kedar.

2. Wo is me; that I am overwhelmed with sin; and constrained to dwell amongst sinful men!

3. My sins have taken such hold upon me, that I am not able to look up: they are more in number than the hairs of my head; and my heart hath failed me.

Ver. 24. John xvi. 20.

Ver. 1. Psalm cxx. 4.

Ver. 3. Psalm xl. 15.

4. I am oppressed and trodden down, whilst I mourn for my transgressions; and mine enemies triumph over me.

5. And how shall I call upon the Lord, or lift up my soul unto The Most High God?

6. Lo, if I were pure, and undefiled, I were yet unworthy to appear before Him: for I am as nothing amidst His Works.

7. Even on Earth, I am as a sand on the sea-shore.—Amidst the Hosts of Heaven, what remembrance can be had of me?

8. If my Repentance had been fulfilled for many years; and if my obedience were become perfect; yet still were I but in the midst of sin; yea

though I had departed from all iniquity for a long season.

9. For lo a thousand years, in the sight of God, are but as yesterday: how much less then all the days of my life!

10. But through Jesus, The Saviour, The Christ, The Messiah, The Lord permitteth even sinners to pray unto Him.—And His Intercession is Mighty to save from the uttermost depths of hell.

11. He beholdeth the returning sinner afar off; and hath mercy and compassion upon him.

12. Therefore will I cry unto The

Ver. 9. Psalm xc. 4.

Ver. 10. Hebrews vii. 25.

Ver. 11. Luke xv. 20.

Lord, with my whole heart; even in the midst of my sins: yea, even unto The Most High God will I make my supplication.

13. O Lord, Thou hast known my soul in temptation, and in adversity.— Even before I could distinguish between good and evil the enemy did rage against me.

14. I have gone astray from my mother's womb; and have been entangled in the snare; and I have groaned under an heavy bondage.

15. But I beseech Thee, O Lord, to let me go free; that I may be enabled to serve Thee, in Righteousness, and true Holiness.

16. Thou art able, and mighty to

Ver. 14. Psalm cxix. 176. 2 Timothy ii. 26.

Ver. 15. Isaiah xlii, 7; lxi. 1. Luke i. 75.

deliver unto the uttermost :—therefore I will humbly cry unto Thee.

17. Albeit it were impossible with man; yet with Thee all things are possible.—O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul.

18. Oh help me, that I may recover from the snare of the evil one; and be no longer led in captivity.

19. And grant, that, through faith in Jesus, I may obtain the victory: for I believe in His Name.

20. In whatsoever evil befalleth me, O Lord, I accept the punishment of my offences:—but, Oh, turn Thee again, and have mercy upon me.

21. In my trouble, I will humble

Ver. 17. Matthew xix. 26.

Ver. 18. 2 Timothy ii. 26.

Ver. 19. Romans v. 9. 1 John v. 4, 5.

my soul, and say,—I will bear the indignation of The Lord, because I have sinned against Him;

22. Until He plead my cause, and execute Judgment for me.—He shall bring me forth to the light; and I shall behold His Righteousness.

23. For Thou, O Lord, art a God that pardoneth iniquity, and passest by transgression; and retainest not Thine anger for ever; because Thou delightest in mercy.

24. Oh, turn Thee again, and have compassion upon me! subdue mine iniquities; and cast my sins into the depths of the sea.

Ver. 21. Micah vii. 9.

Ver. 22. Micah vii. 9.

Ver. 23. Micah vii. 18.

Ver. 24. Micah vii. 19.

25. O Lord, deliver my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling:

26. And let me walk before Thee, O my God, in the Land of the Living.

27. O Lord, be Thou my Helper, and Redeemer. Oh, my God, make no long tarrying.

HYMN VI.

O LORD, whensoever I go hence, let Thy servant depart in peace, through comfort of Thine Holy Word.

2. For my soul hath believed on Thy Salvation.

Ver. 25. Psalm cxvi. 8.

Ver. 26. Psalm cxvi. 9.

Ver. 27. Psalm xl. 21.

3. Thy Mighty Work shall surely be accomplished: and the Generations to come shall behold Peace, and Righteousness.

4. But not through their own strength: or accomplished by man's wisdom.

5. The Nations shall be punished for their offences, and hardness of heart: and Thine own Right Hand, and Thine Holy Arm, shall alone obtain the victory.

6. O let The Spirit be poured on Thy People, from on High;—and let the wilderness become a fruitful field.

7. And let Thy People dwell in a

Ver. 3. Ecclesiasticus xxxix. 16.

Ver. 4, 5. Isaiah xxvi. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.

Ver. 6. Isaiah xxxii. 15.

peaceable habitation; and in sure dwellings; and in quiet resting places.

8. Oh, that there were an heart in me truly to praise God; and to magnify His Holy Name; and to make known his wondrous works!

9. Oh, that I might glorify God, by devoting all the faculties of my soul, for ever, to His Service; and to the manifestation of His Goodness and Mercy!

10. My God,—from the dust of the earth, and the very stones of the street, Thou canst raise up servants, more fervently to praise Thy Name.

11. Therefore, I am not, in this matter, worthy to be accepted.

Ver. 7. Isaiah xxxii. 18.

Ver. 10. Matthew iii. 9. Luke iii. 8.

12. But as it hath pleased Thee to put *this* desire into my heart, Oh let it not utterly fail, for Thy Mercies sake.

13. When Christ, Who is our life, shall appear, let my soul *rejoice* in His Glory.

14. And remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy People: and Oh visit *me* with Thy Salvation.

15. That I may see the Felicity of Thy Chosen; and rejoice in the Gladness of Thy People; and give Thanks with Thine Inheritance.

Ver. 13. Colossians iii. 4.

Ver. 14. Psalm cvi. 4.

Ver. 15. Psalm cvi. 5.

Glory Be To The Father, and To
The Son, and To The Holy Ghost :

As it was in The Beginning, is Now,
and Ever Shall Be, World without End.
Amen.

POSTSCRIPT

TO

THE FIRST EDITION.

LET not the Reader be misled, by any thing that is written in this Book; but let him search the Scriptures; and from thence *alone* judge, whether the sentiments expressed herein be worthy of his assent: for they can have no claim thereunto, but what is founded on their strict conformity with the Word of God.—He that composed these Hymns, pretended not to be wiser or better than other men; but was a sin-

ful, and frail being—on whose soul may Almighty God, for Jesus's sake, have mercy.—He wished, and endeavoured, with simplicity of spirit, to make the few good thoughts it pleased God to put into his heart, in some small degree useful to others; and that they might be somewhat profited, by his diligent and constant study of The Holy Scriptures.—And although some of the Penitential Hymns, especially in the Second Part, and those containing Prayers, were adapted to particular circumstances of his own life, and are therefore little interesting to others; yet he thinks they also, may possibly be useful, and acceptable to some few persons, occasionally, when in a situation any way similar; and

therefore he suffered them to go forth with the rest.—May Almighty God bless even the weakest endeavours to do good!

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